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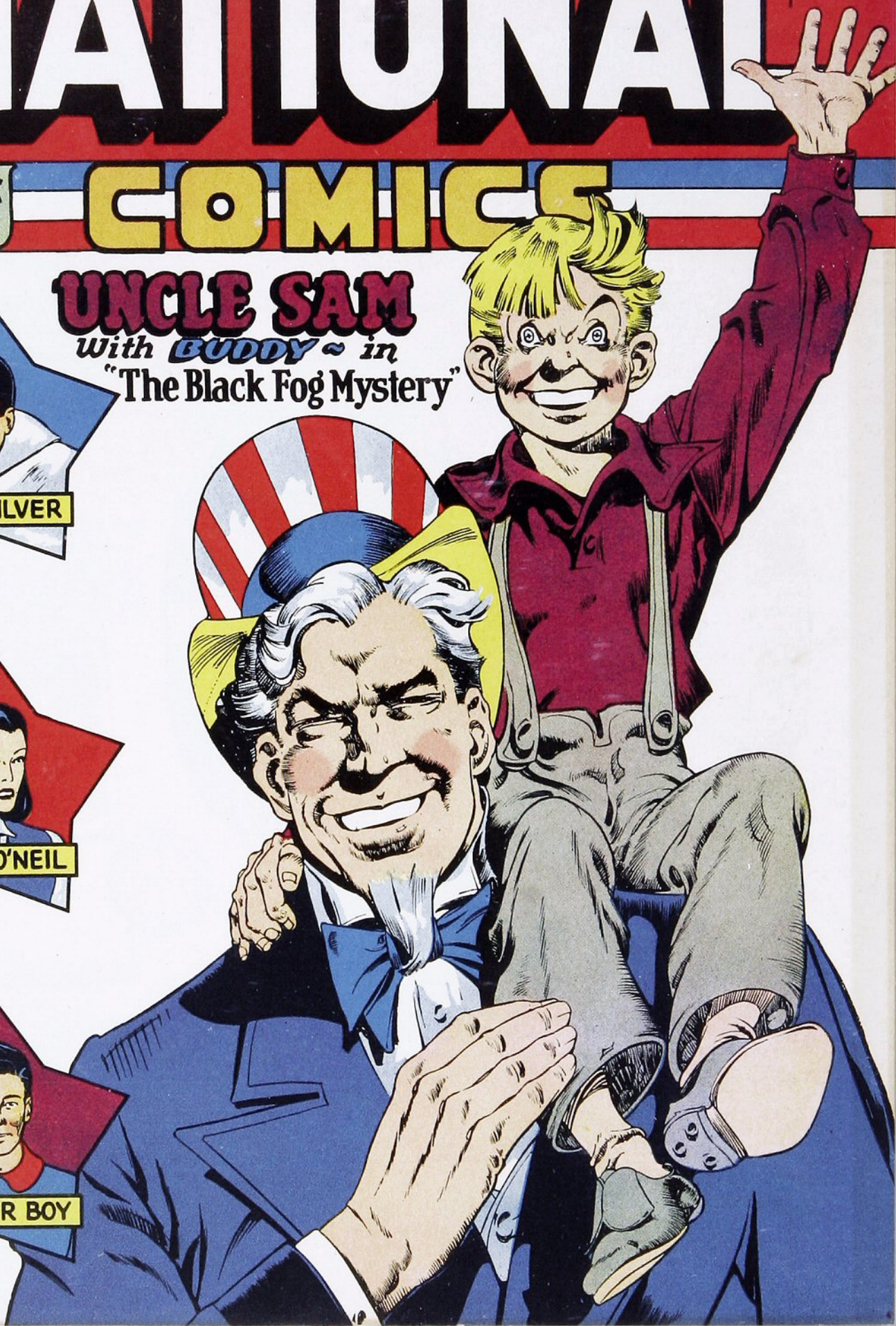
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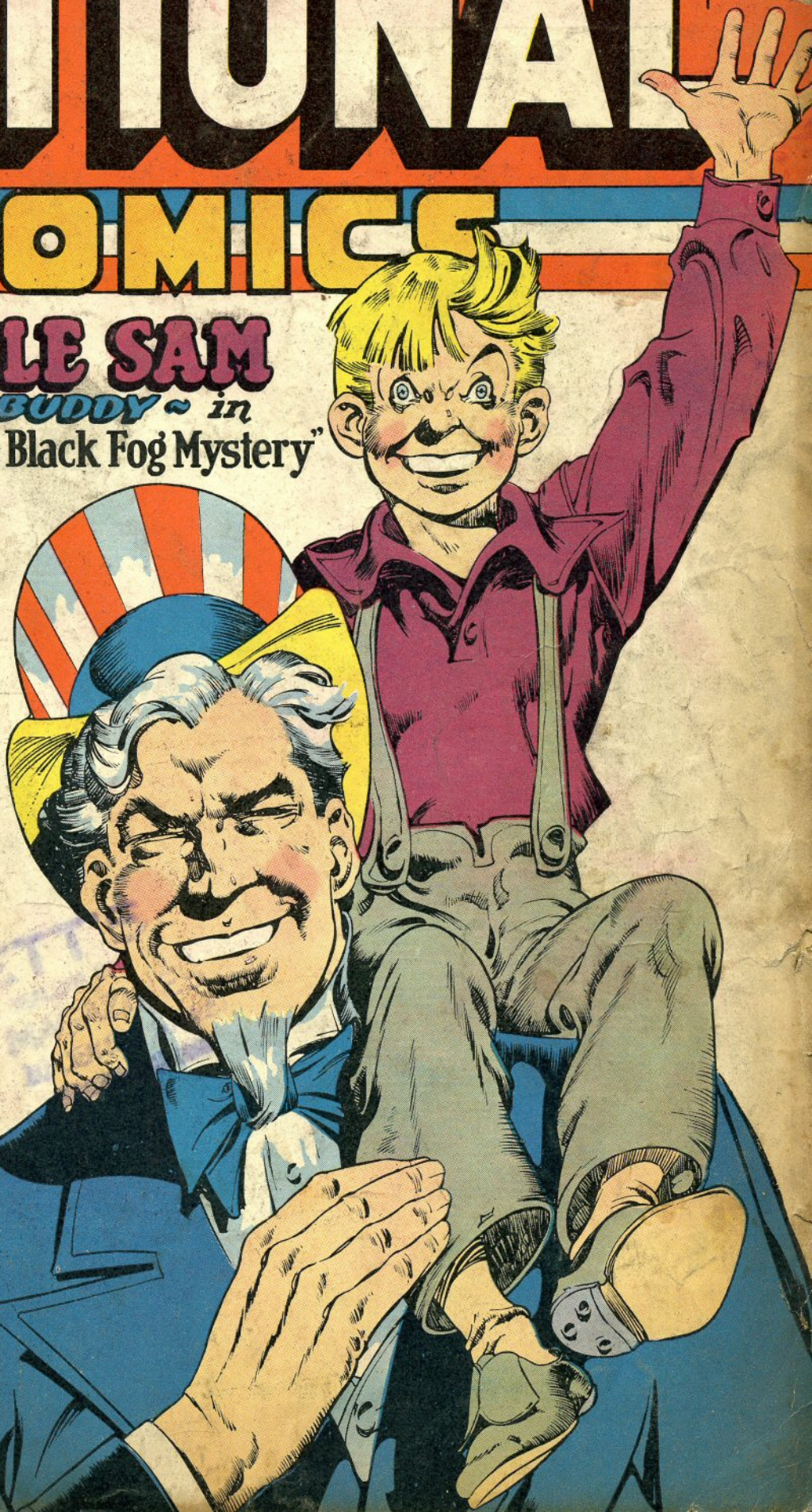
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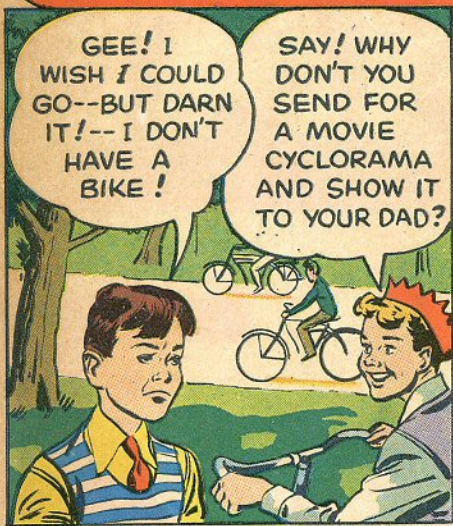
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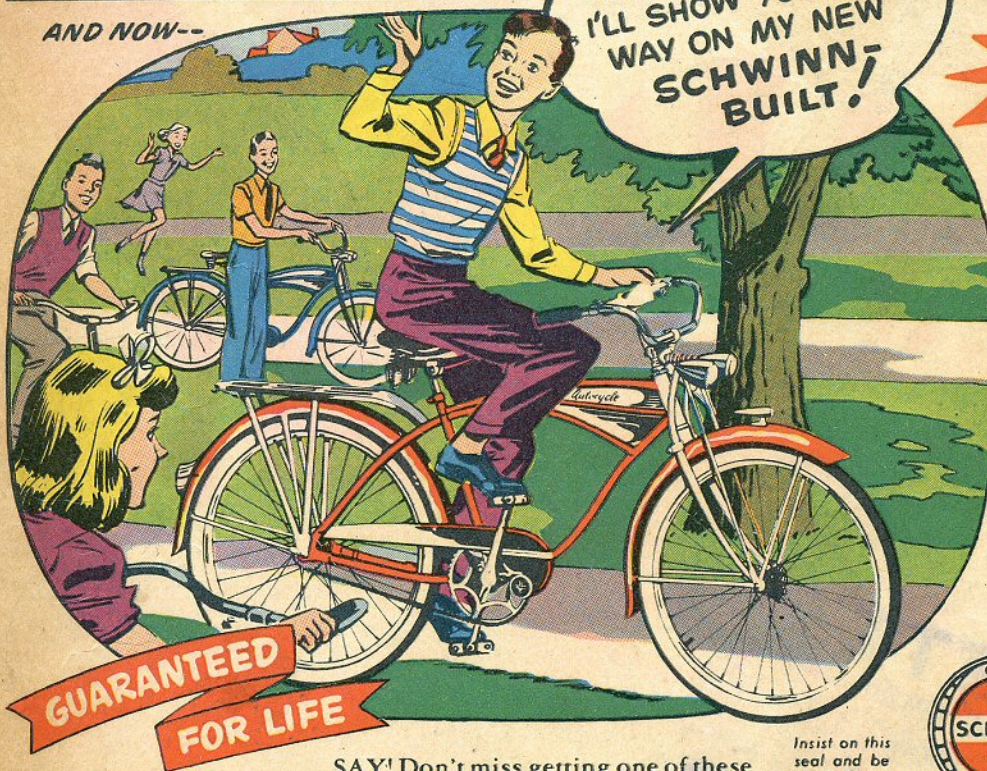
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THEY CALLED HIM "Stay-at-Home-Sammy" -- BUT NOW HE LEADS THE GANG !



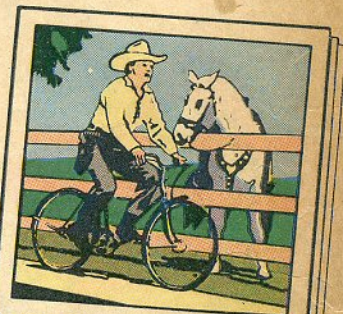
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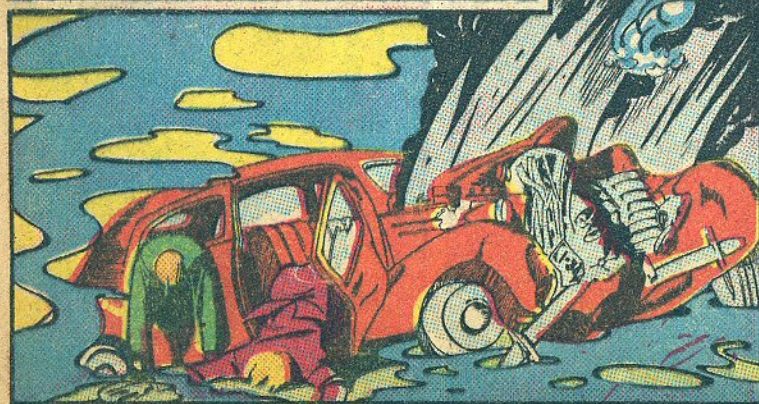
UNCLE SAM

BY
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WHEN A WEIRD PALL
OF DARKNESS BLACKS
OUT THE NATION'S
CAPITOL, UNCLE SAM
AND HIS LITTLE PAL,
BUDDY, STEPPED IN TO
SOLVE THE CENTURY'S
DEEPEST MYSTERY...



AS EERIE BLACKNESS SETTLES
OVER WASHINGTON, D.C., TRAFFIC
SNARLS AND MANY WRECKS OCCUR...



ONLY UPPER
PORTIONS OF
BUILDINGS
CAN BE SEEN



WITH BUDDY ASTRIDE HIS
SHOULDERS UNCLE SAM
GROPEs ALONG.....

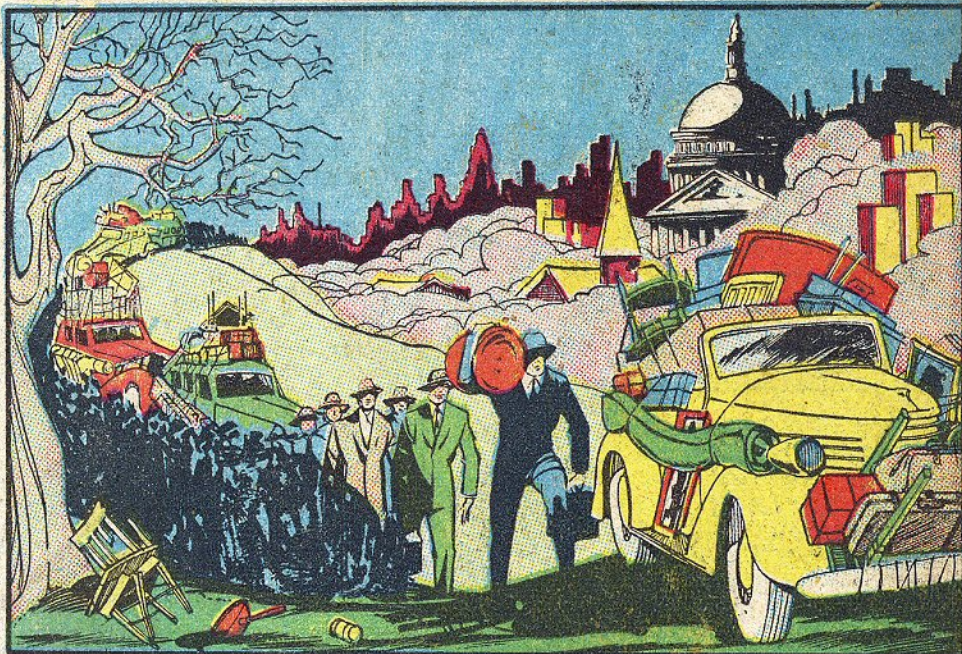


A RADIO COMMENTATOR EXCITEDLY READS A BULLETIN...

THE DARKNESS HAS ENTIRELY
BLOTTED OUT WASHINGTON...
THUS FAR SCIENCE IS
BAFFLED!



ALL ROADS LEADING FROM THE CITY ARE CLOGGED WITH MAD
TRAFFIC AS THE POPULACE FLEES THE STRANGE BLACKNESS...



IN HIS LABORATORY, UNCLE SAM
HOLDS ONE OF THE THOUSANDS
OF ODD PELLETS WHICH ARE
SUSPECTED AS THE CAUSE OF THE
DARKNESS...



LEAD PELLETS
CONTAINING
ATOMIC ENERGY,
PROBABLY DROPPED
FROM A PLANE!

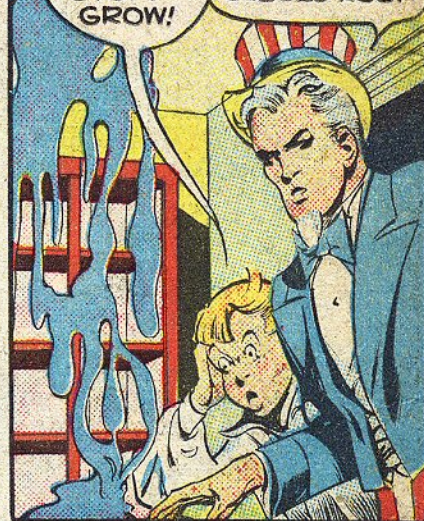
THERE SHE GOES!
LOOK AT THAT,
BUDDY!

SMOKE
IS
COMING
OUT
FAST,
UNCLE
SAM!



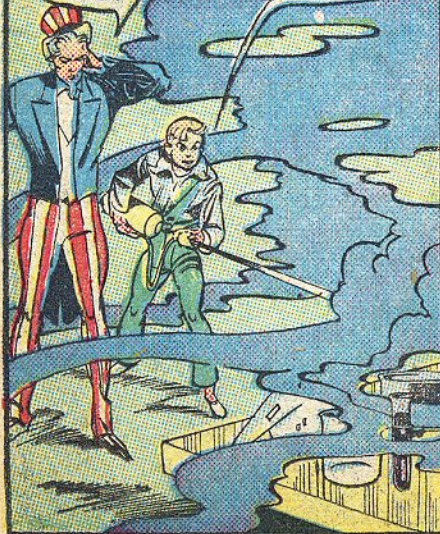
GOSH!!
LOOK AT
THAT
STUFF
GROW!

WONDER JUST
WHAT IT WILL
DO IN THE
CLOSED ROOM



IN JUST A FEW
MINUTES NOW
IT'S NEARLY
FILLED THE
LAB!

MAYBE
THIS FIRE
EXTINGUISHER
WILL KILL IT!



WE MUST GET OUT OF HERE
FAST, BUDDY... I CAN FEEL
THIS ROOM BEGINNING
TO VIBRATE FROM FORCE!

MAYBE
IT'LL
BLOW
UP!

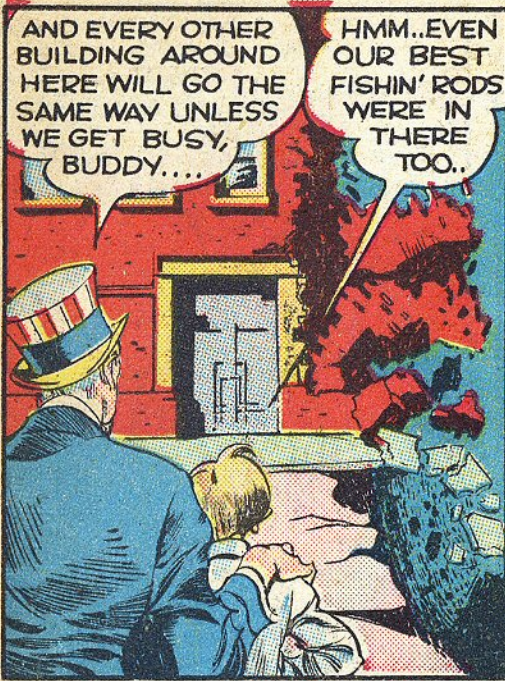


WHEN THEY ARE OUTSIDE...

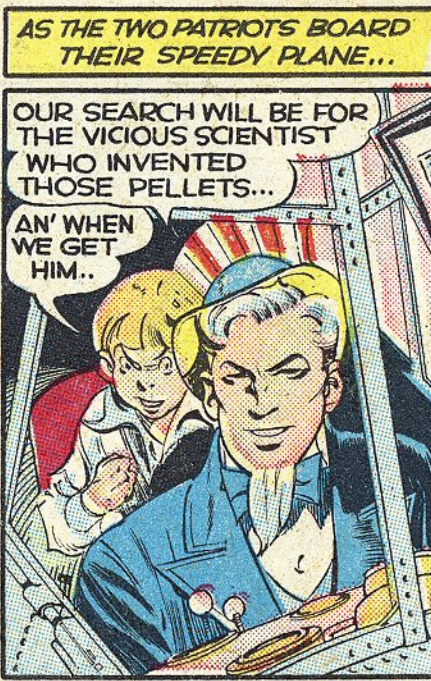
GEE WHIZ!!! L-LOOK,
UNCLE SAM!
IT'S BUSTIN' THE
BUILDING RIGHT
OUT!

YES...
JUST
ABOUT
WHAT
I
EXPECTED
!!!





HMM..EVEN OUR BEST FISHIN' RODS WERE IN THERE TOO..

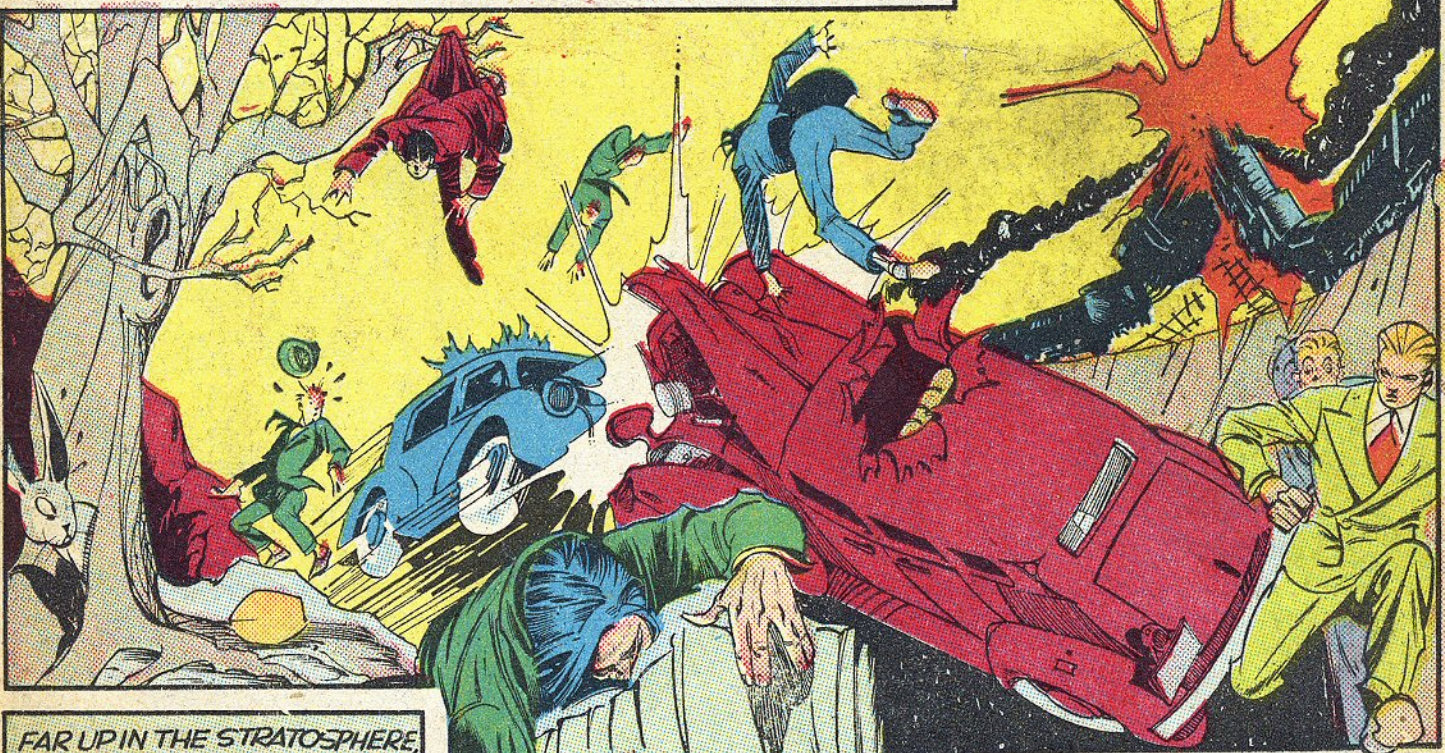


OUR SEARCH WILL BE FOR THE VICIOUS SCIENTIST WHO INVENTED THOSE PELLETS...

AN' WHEN WE GET HIM..



THE DEATH TOLL MOUNTS AS ONE DISASTER AFTER ANOTHER TAKES PLACE IN WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS....



FAR UP IN THE STRATOSPHERE, A HUGE STRANGE PLANE CRUISES..



INSIDE THE MYSTERY SHIP..



YES, MASTER! THEY'LL LISTEN TO OUR TERMS!!

ONE OF THE CREW PEERS INTO AN
ODD BOMB SIGHT....

WE'RE 50,000
FEET ABOVE
CHICAGO NOW,
HEINRICH....
DON'T
OVERSHOOT!



AND A STREAM OF PELLETS SHOOT
EARTHWARD FROM THE PLANE



WHERE'D THEY
FALL FROM?

IT'S THE
DARKNESS!
RUN FOR
YOUR LIVES!

FELT
LIKE
BUCKSHOT

THEY
GIVE
OUT
SMOKE!



HIGH ABOVE FLY UNCLE SAM AND
LITTLE BUDDY...

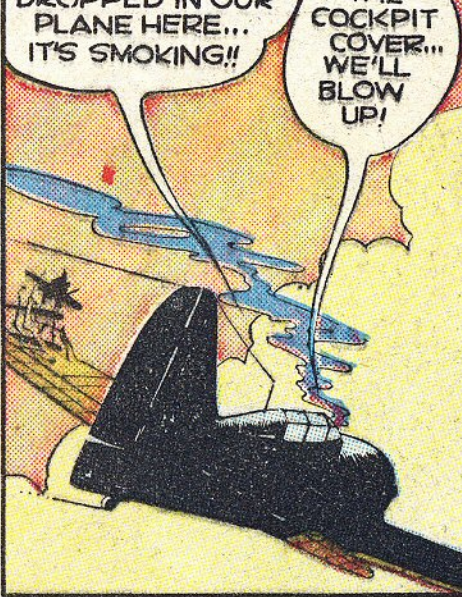
OH UNCLE SAM!
OUR WING...
IT'S TORN
OFF!

SOMETHING
FROM A
DARKNESS
BLAST BELOW
HIT US, SON!

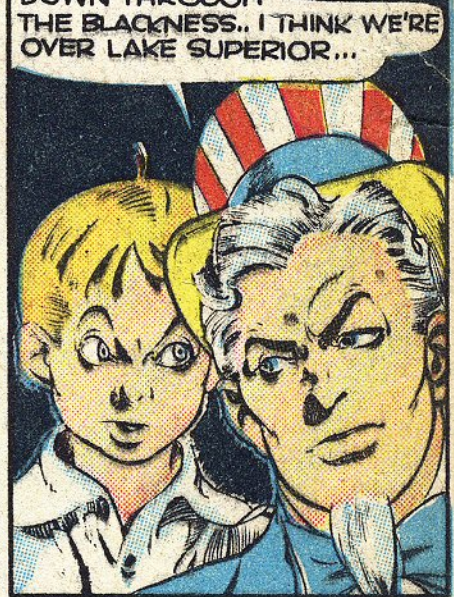


OH, ONE OF
THOSE PELLETS
DROPPED IN OUR
PLANE HERE...
IT'S SMOKING!!

SLIDE
OPEN
THE
COCKPIT
COVER...
WE'LL
BLOW
UP!

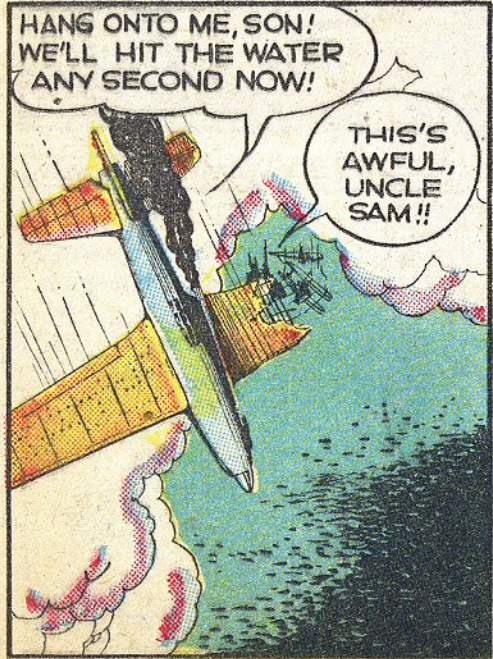


ONLY THING WE
CAN DO IS DIVE
DOWN THROUGH
THE BLACKNESS.. I THINK WE'RE
OVER LAKE SUPERIOR...



HANG ONTO ME, SON!
WE'LL HIT THE WATER
ANY SECOND NOW!

THIS'S
AWFUL,
UNCLE
SAM!!



WOW! WE'VE
HIT THE BOTTOM
OF THE LAKE...
NOW TO GET
OUT OF HERE!

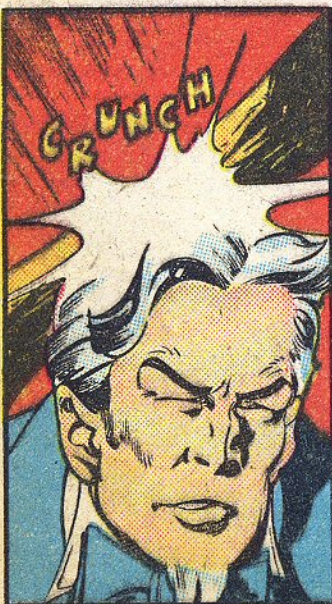
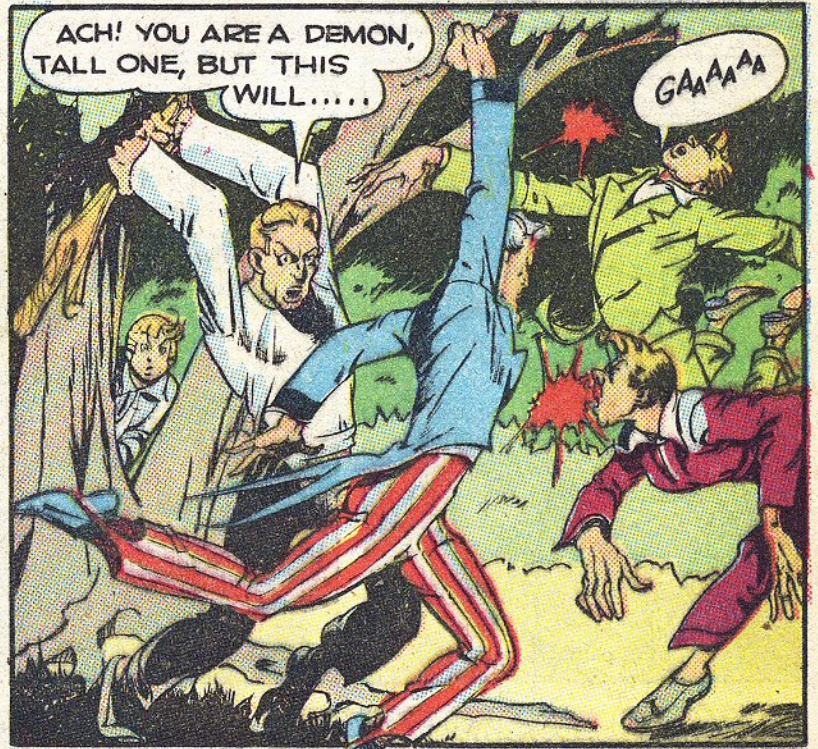
HOLY
SMOKES!



THAT WAS ONE PLANE WRECK
WHERE WE COULDN'T USE A
PARACHUTE, BUDDY!

WONDER
WHAT
LITTLE
ISLAND
THIS
IS?





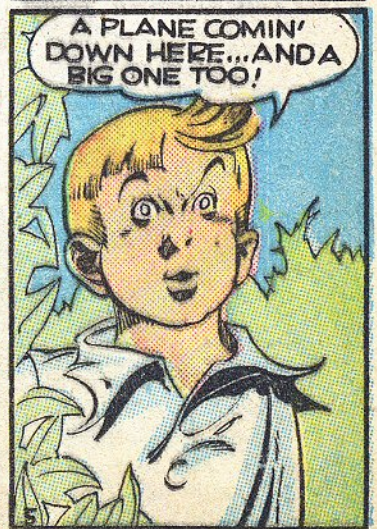
THE UNCONSCIOUS FORM OF UNCLE SAM IS CARRIED TOWARD A CAVE....



WE WILL LEAVE HIM THERE TILL THE MASTER COMES...THOSE ROPES' HOLD HIM WELL...



LATER.. AS BUDDY GROPEs THROUGH THE WOODS...





GEE WHIZ! SOME PLANE!!! IT'S BIGGER THAN THE B-19!!



UMM...MAYBE IF ONLY I CAN GET IN THIS DOOR IN THE TAIL...



WITH EASE THE MIGHTY UNCLE SAM HAS FREED HIMSELF...

THESE FIRE SIGNALS SHOULD ATTRACT A COAST GUARD CUTTER...

THEN, AS IF IN ANSWER TO THE GREAT AMERICAN'S REMARK...



DISTRESS SIGNALS COMING FROM OWL ISLAND, CAPTAIN...

PUT IN THERE!



SOON AFTER....

...AND, CAPTAIN... I THINK I KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE FIEND WHO CAUSES THIS DARKNESS!

WE'RE AT YOUR SERVICE, UNCLE SAM!

WITH MOTOR IDLING, AN AMPHIBIAN PLANE LOLS NEARBY.. UNCLE SAM IS TOLD OF ITS RADIO MECHANISM, PUT IN BY ITS ORIGINAL OWNER....



YES.. THIS WAS PROF. NELSON'S PLANE... BY FOULING THIS TYPE OF TRANSMITTER I THINK HE CREATED ARTIFICIAL LIGHTNING AND RAIN.

THE WEIRD BLACK FOG HAS GRIPPED DENVER... SUDDENLY THERE IS LIGHTNING AND HEAVY SHOWERS ERASE THE GLOOM...



THE DARKNESS!! LOOK.. IT'S GONE!!

THANK HEAVEN... WE CAN SEE AGAIN!

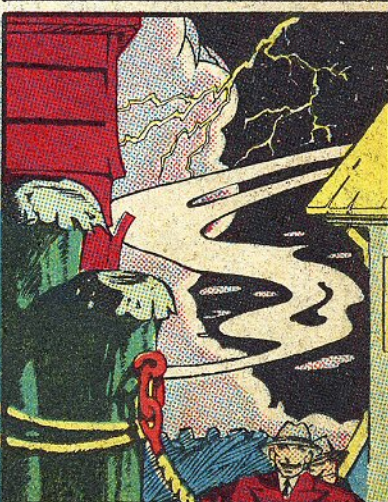
AN EXCITING RADIO MESSAGE REACHES THE COAST GUARD PLANE

"THAT DID IT! OUR ELECTRICAL STORM" KILLED THE DARKNESS OVER DENVER!

YOUR THEORY WAS PERFECT, UNCLE SAM!



AND WITH ARTIFICIAL LIGHTNING AGAIN SMASHING THE MOLECULES OF DARKNESS, SAN FRANCISCO IS NEXT SAVED FROM THE BLIGHT..





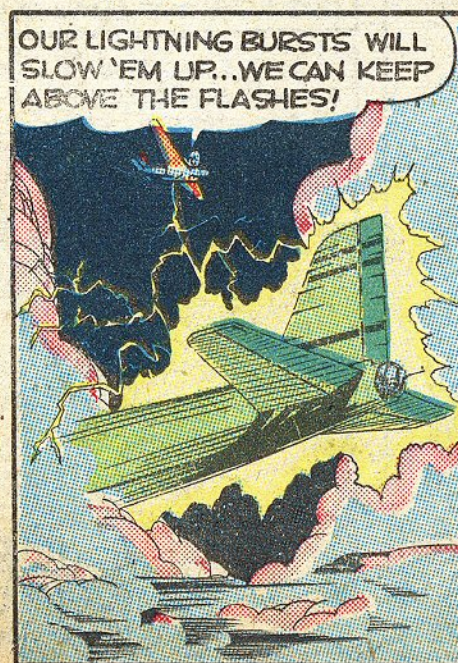
WHILE ABOARD THE MASTER GENIUS'S GLOOM-SPREADING STRATOLINER
... DEFEATED PLANS AROUSE WORRIED ACTIVITY, AS RADIO REPORTS
CRACKLE IN...



BUT... RIDING IN THE TAIL OF THE SKY GIANT IS BUDDY....

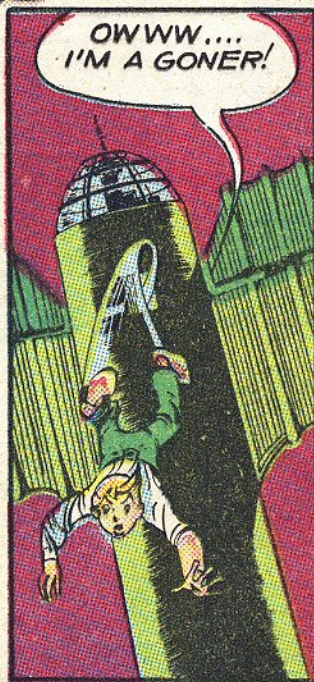
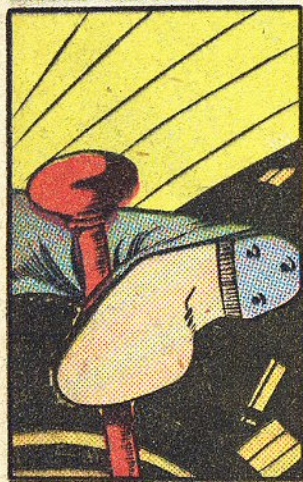


FROM A CLOUD BELOW APPEARS UNCLE SAM'S PLANE.. THE BIG SHIP ROARS DOWN.....





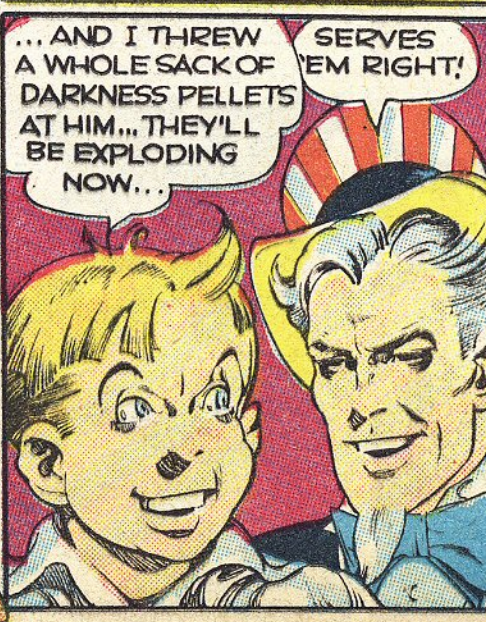
THE MAN'S FOOT CATCHES THE BOMB BAY LEVER.. STANDING ON THE DOOR BUDDY HURTTLES INTO SPACE..



BUT UNCLE SAM'S PLANE WHIZZES BY...



LATER... IN THE AMPHIBIAN'S CABIN



THE COAST GUARD PILOT SHOUTS OUT



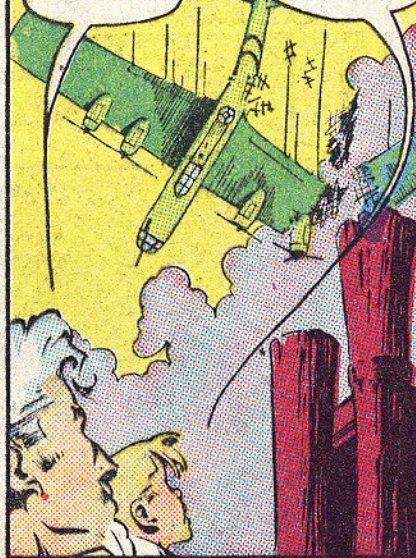
A HELPLESS PARACHUTIST DROPS ON A MAD MOB...



THAT DARKNESS MUST BE CRACKING THEIR PLANE UP NOW, UNCLE SAM !!!

WE'LL SOON KNOW!

HERE IT COMES... FALLING IN TWISTED RUINS!!



JUST LIKE OUR LABORATORY WENT!

OTHER MEN ARE FLYING OUT NOW, UNCLE SAM!!

I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR 'EM!



ABOARD THE REMAINS OF THE BIG SHIP....



DO NOT JUMP!! I AM THE MASTER....YOU ALL CAN'T DESERT THE SHIP!

ACH! THAT'S WHY I JUMP!! YOU ARE THE MASTER.... YOU CAN HAVE THE SHIP!!!

AND THE PLANE WRECK AND PARACHUTIST CRASH INTO WATER AT ALMOST THE SAME INSTANT....



LATER.. AS UNCLE SAM AND BUDDY ARE AGAIN ABOARD THEIR OWN PLANE.....

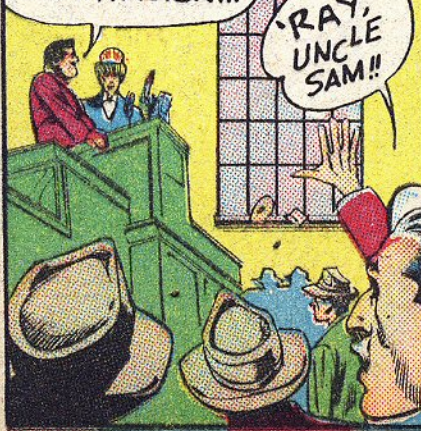


THEY WANT US IN WASHINGTON, SON... GOING TO THANK US, I GUESS!

I'M SURE GLAD IT'S ALL OVER!

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS....

MY FRIENDS.. AGAIN OUR GREATEST HERO HAS SAVED OUR COUNTRY.. THIS DARKNESS WAS THE BEGINNING OF AN INVASION...



'RAY, UNCLE SAM!!

G'BYE NOW.. AN' WE'LL BE AROUND IF WE'RE NEEDED!

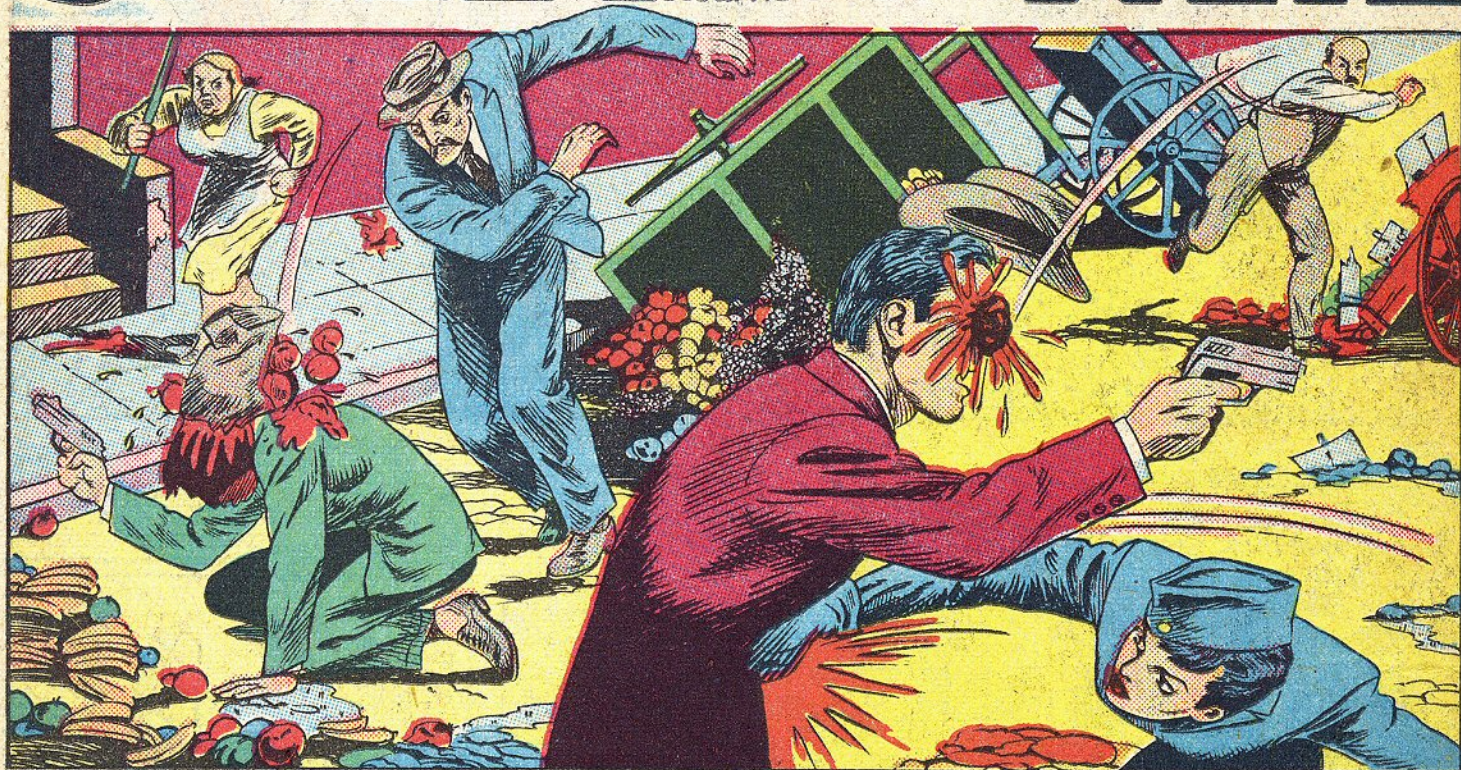


YES.. AND WE HAVEN'T FAILED OUR COUNTRY YET.. OUR ENEMIES ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THEIR FIRST VICTORY!

SALLY O'NEIL

POLICEWOMAN

By Frank Kearns



FOR A CHANGE SALLY O'NEIL, THE PRIDE OF THE FORCE, HAS INSIDE DUTY IN THE STATION HOUSE AND SHE IS BORED STIFF. . BUT THAT CAN'T LAST.. NOT WITH SALLY!

SARGE .. I'M GOING BATTY HERE! OF ALL USELESS OCCUPATIONS, STATION DUTY IS ..

SUDDENLY.

BANG!

A SHOT! WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE SAYING, SALLY?

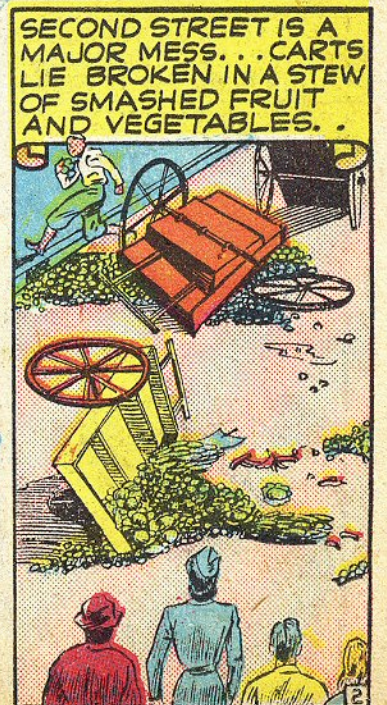
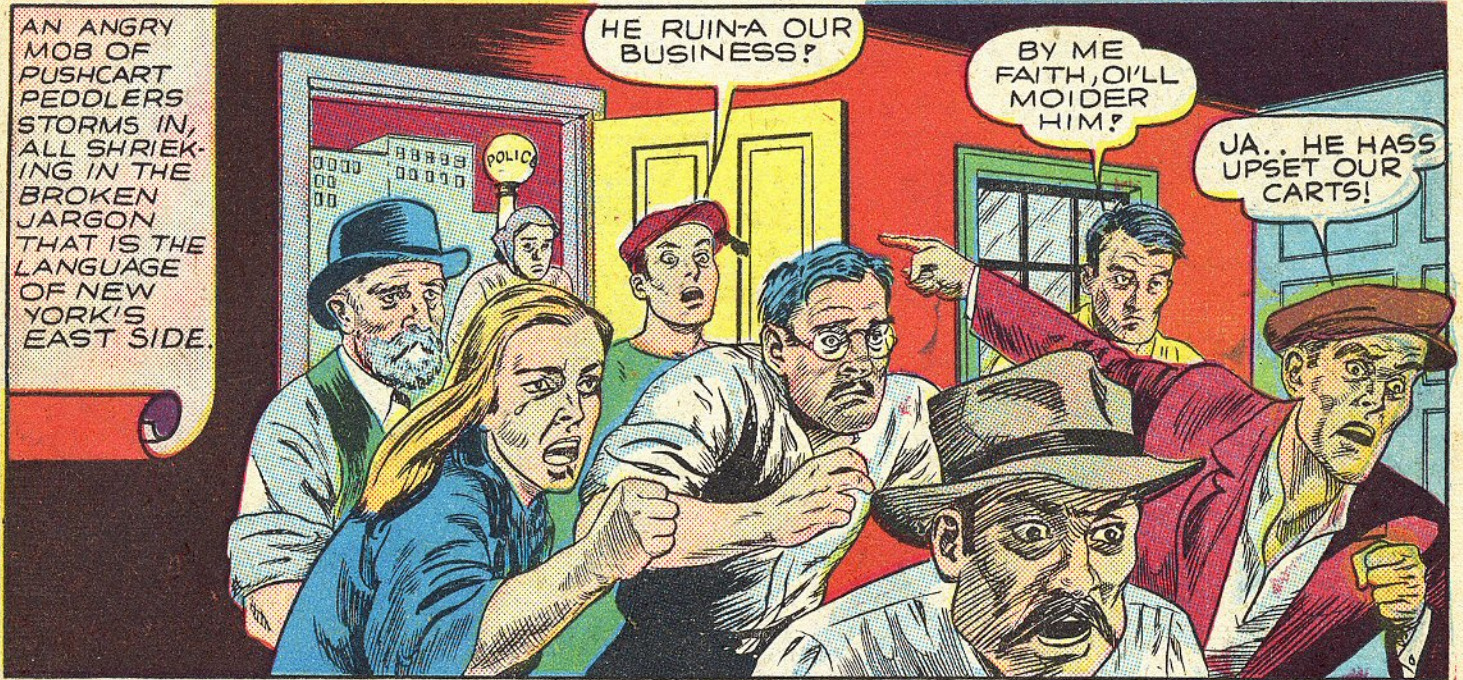
IN DASHES A YOUNG MAN, WAVING A SMOKING REVOLVER.

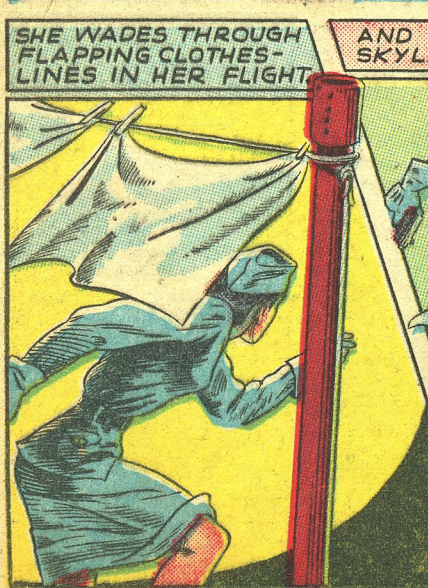
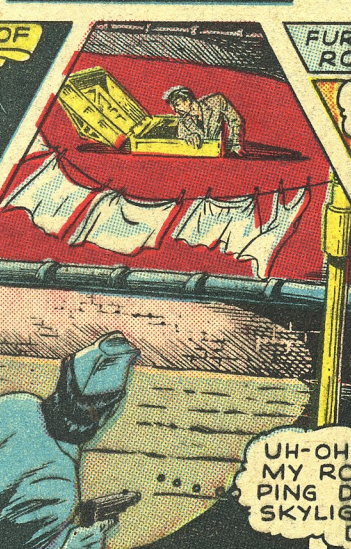
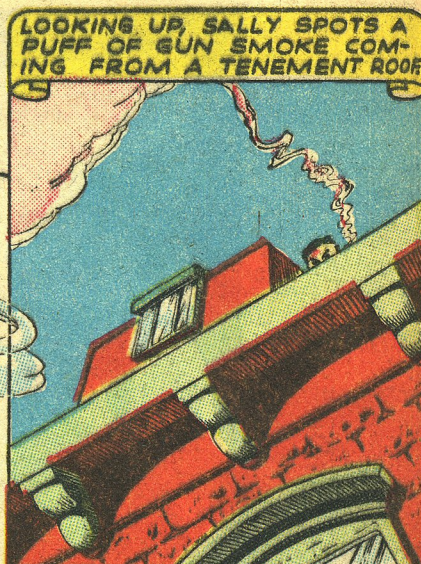


HIDE ME.. QUICK! YOU'RE THE LAW.. YOU GOTTA SAVE ME!

IF YOU RATE SAVING WE'LL DO IT!.. SA-AY! WHAT'S THIS?







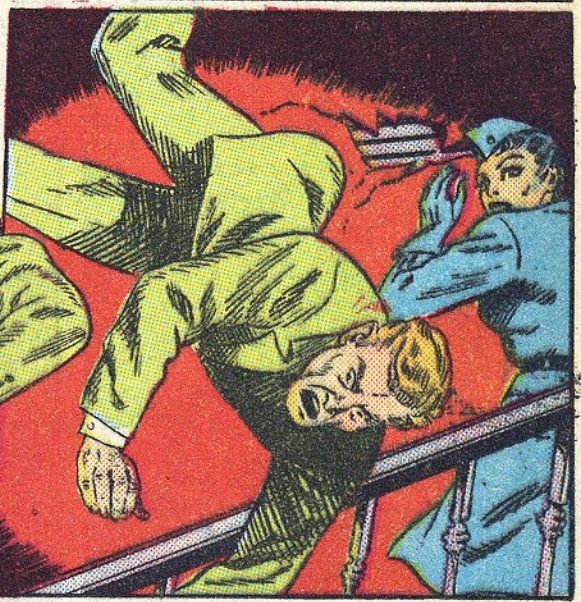


JERKED ONTO THE NARROW STAIRWAY SALLY LOSES HER BALANCE... BUT SHE IS UP INSTANTLY AND...

JUST A LITTLE STAIRWAY JIU-JITSU, BOYS!

WHY, YOU LITTLE SHE-CAT, I'LL...

ONE MAN DIVES FOR SALLY BUT SHE DUCKS AND HE SAILS OVER THE RAILING.

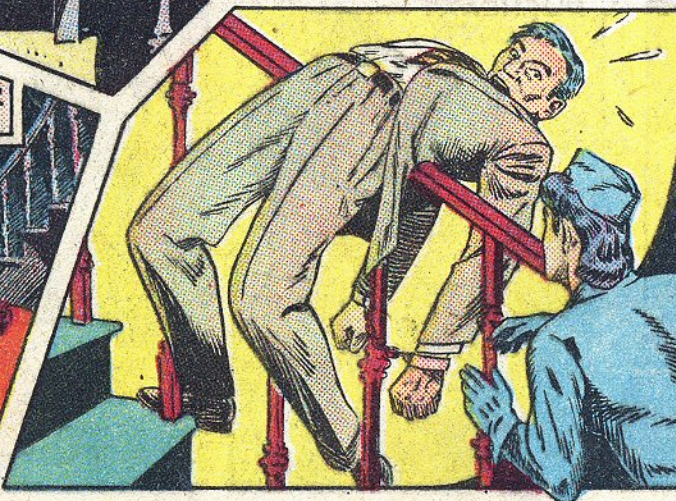


THE OTHER THUG IS PERMANENTLY DRAPED OVER THE RAILING, SALLY HAVING HANDCUFFED HIM TO IT.

NOW TALK... OR I'LL SHOVE YOU OVER TO MEET YOUR PAL!

NO! NO!

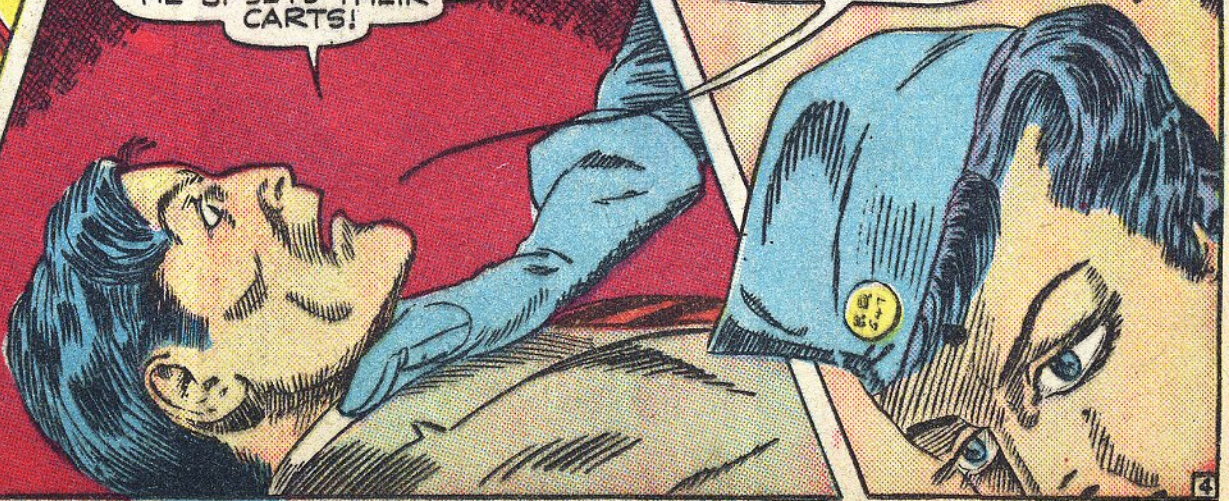
DOWN HE HURTLES THROUGH THE STAIRWELL TO THE BASEMENT FOUR FLIGHTS BELOW...



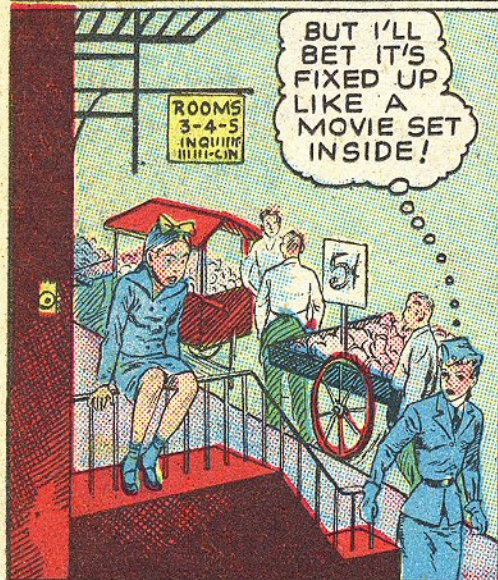
I'LL TALK... BUT G-GO EASY ON ME... I'M WORKIN' FER SMOKEY MILLER WHO'S BOSSIN' THE PUSH-CART RACKET... HE MAKES THE PEDDLERS BUY THEIR STUFF FROM HIM OR HE UPSETS THEIR CARTS!

HE'S GOT 'EM ALL SCARED BY SAYIN' HE'D STALL THEIR CITIZENSHIP PAPERS... MAKES 'EM THINK HE'S A BIG SHOT WHO CAN PULL LEGAL STRINGS...

HMM... THINK I'LL VISIT MR. SMOKEY MILLER!



SECURING SMOKEY'S ADDRESS, SALLY FINDS IT TO BE A RAMSHACKLE FIRETRAP. . .



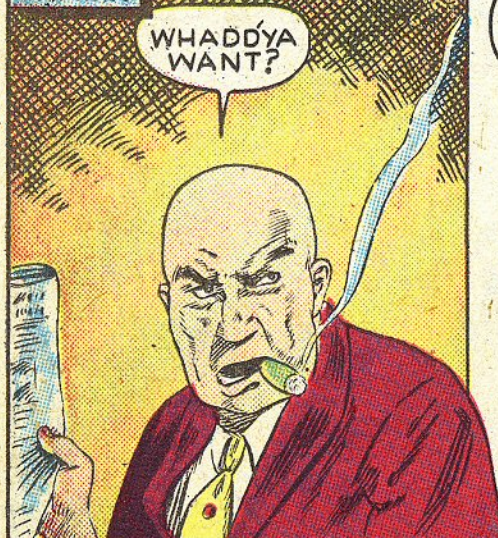
CLIMBING THROUGH THE HALL WINDOW, SHE EVADES SMOKEY MILLER'S BODY-GUARD.



SILENTLY SHE CLOSES THE DOOR BEHIND HER. . .



SMOKEY MILLER, COMPLETE WITH CIGAR AND LOUNGE ROBE, RELAXES ON AN EASY CHAIR.



I WANT YOUR FULL AND IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.. YOU ARE GOING TO SPILL EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PUSH-CART RACKET!



BUT SALLY DOESN'T SEE HIS HEEL MEET A BUZZER ON THE FLOOR.



A FIGURE STEALS UP BEHIND SALLY AS SHE TALKS.



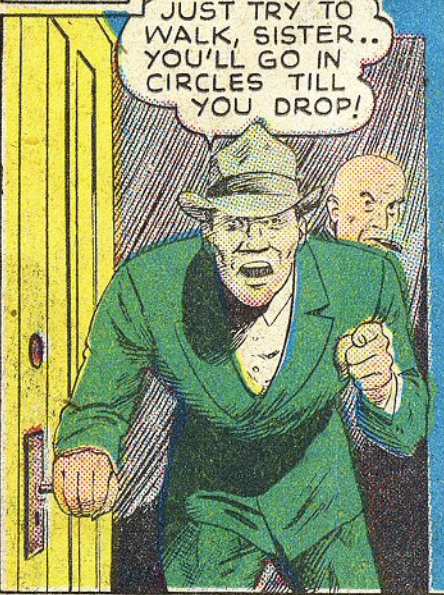
YOU AIN'T SAID NOTHIN'!



AN' WHAT'S MORE, YOU WON'T SAY NOTHIN' FER A LONG TIME!

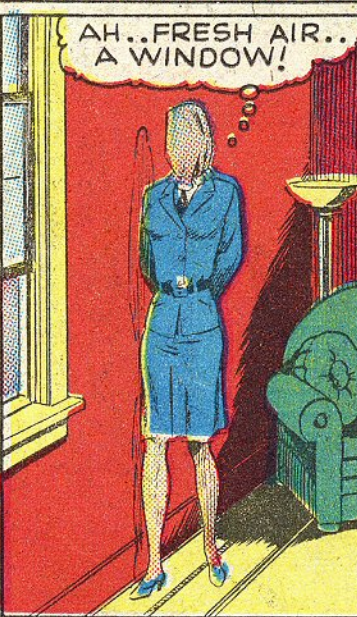


TAUNTING THE HELPLESS POLICE WOMAN, THE THUGS LEAVE.



JUST TRY TO WALK, SISTER.. YOU'LL GO IN CIRCLES TILL YOU DROP!

SALLY BUMPS AROUND BLINDLY UNTIL . . .



AH..FRESH AIR.. A WINDOW!

SHE STANDS MOTIONLESS.



HEY, DUFFY! LOOK UP THERE!

A POLICE GAL.. AND BY THE LOOKS O' THE ..ER.. BUILD, I'D SAY IT'S SALLY!

SECONDS LATER, OFFICER DUFFY BREAKS THROUGH THE DOOR.



WHO'S THAT?

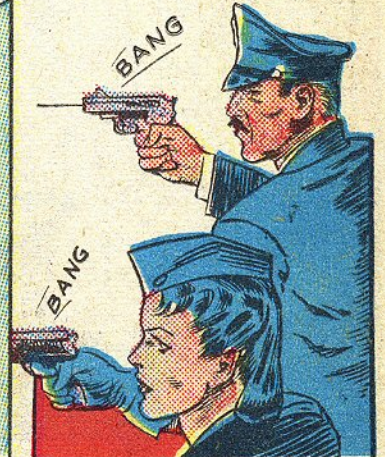
YOUR OLD PAL, DUFFY.. YOU HURT?

AFTER FREEING SALLY, THEY BOTH DASH TO THE STREET, AS A CAR SKIDS AWAY . . .



HE HAS UPSET MY CART!

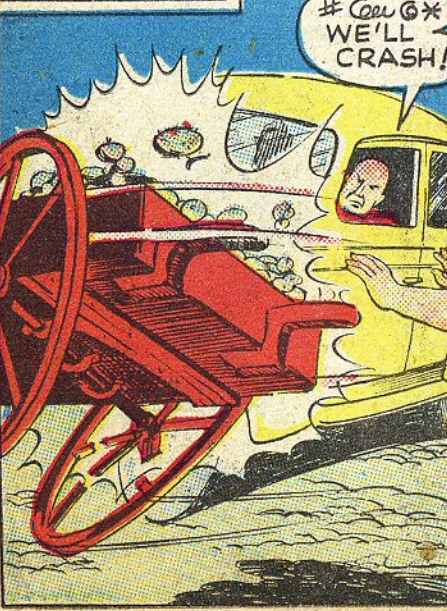
BOTH COPPERS FIRE . . .



BANG

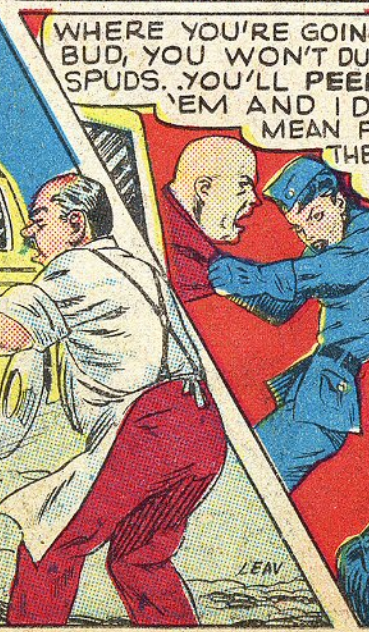
BANG

AND ONE BRAVE PEDDLER ROLLS HIS CART IN FRONT OF THE CAR.



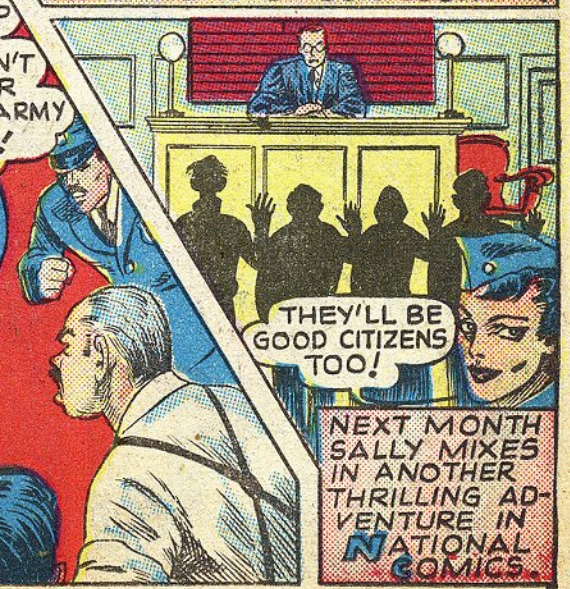
COW @* WE'LL CRASH!

THEY DO..AND SALLY HAULS THEM OUT. . .



WHERE YOU'RE GOING BUD, YOU WON'T DUMP SPUDS. YOU'LL PEEL 'EM AND I DON'T MEAN FOR THE ARMY!

DAYS LATER.. SALLY IS THE GUEST AT A THRILLING CEREMONY.. THE SWEARING IN OF THE PEDDLERS AS CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY.



THEY'LL BE GOOD CITIZENS TOO!

NEXT MONTH SALLY MIXES IN ANOTHER THRILLING ADVENTURE IN NATIONAL COMICS.



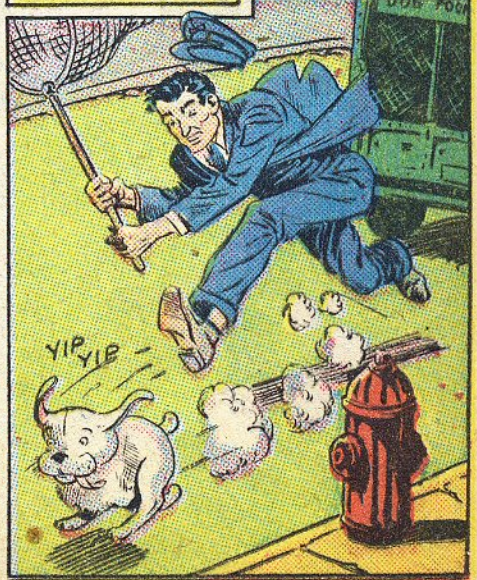
SUNSHINE, SUZY, TEDDY AND PORKY FIND LIFE RATHER DULL.



SUDDENLY..



A SMALL MONGREL DARTS DOWN THE STREET, A DETERMINED DOG-CATCHER CLOSE BEHIND..



THE MAN REACHES OUT WITH HIS LONG NET AND . . .



HE DONE CAUGHT DAT DAWG!

AND HE'S PUTTING HIM INTO THE TRUCK!

TO THE TUNE OF MONGREL MUSIC THE TRUCK RATTLES DOWN THE STREET . . .



Y'KNOW.. SOMEBODY TOLD ME THAT DOG-CATCHERS GET TWO DOLLARS FOR EVERY STRAY DOG THEY CATCH!



DAT'S EASY MONEY!

YEAH.. WE OUGHTA GO INTO THE DOG-CATCHIN' BUSINESS!



SO THE KID PATROL GOES TO WORK.

DESE BARREL HOOPS SHO' MAKE DANDY NETS!

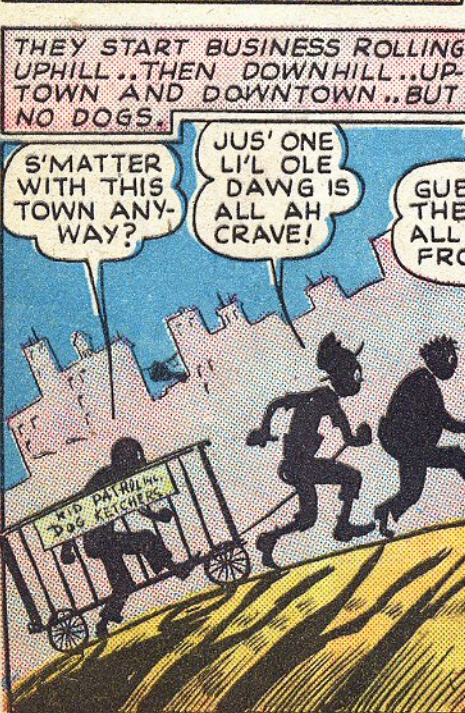
ONLY A FEW MORE NAILS FOR THIS..



AND SOON THEIR WAGON IS FINISHED.

HOT DOG! LET'S GO!

AH BET WE MAKE A MILLION BUCKS!

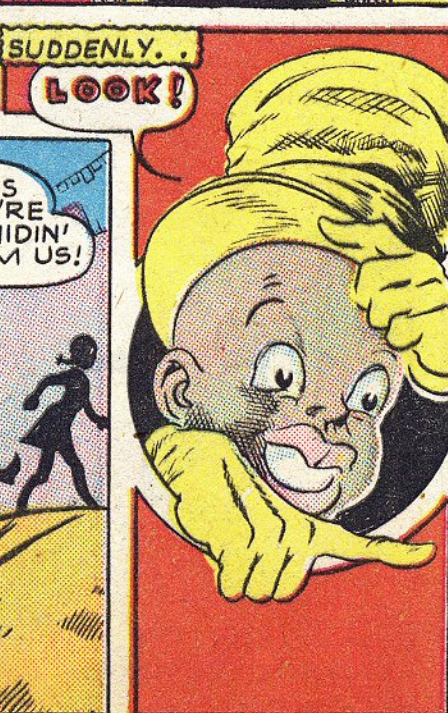


THEY START BUSINESS ROLLING UPHILL.. THEN DOWNHILL.. UP-TOWN AND DOWNTOWN.. BUT NO DOGS.

S'MATTER WITH THIS TOWN ANY-WAY?

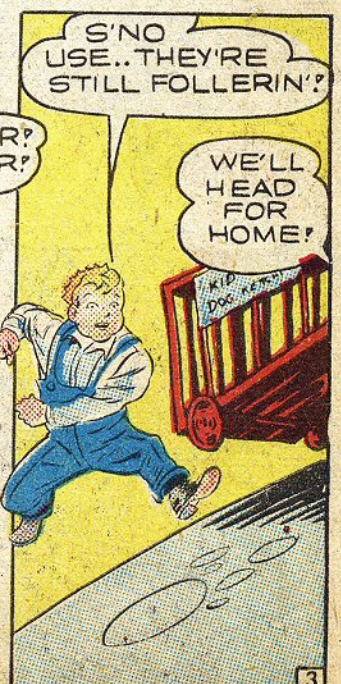
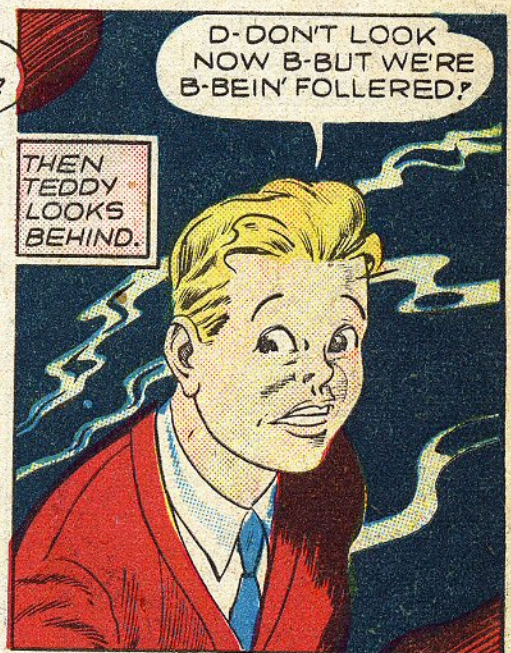
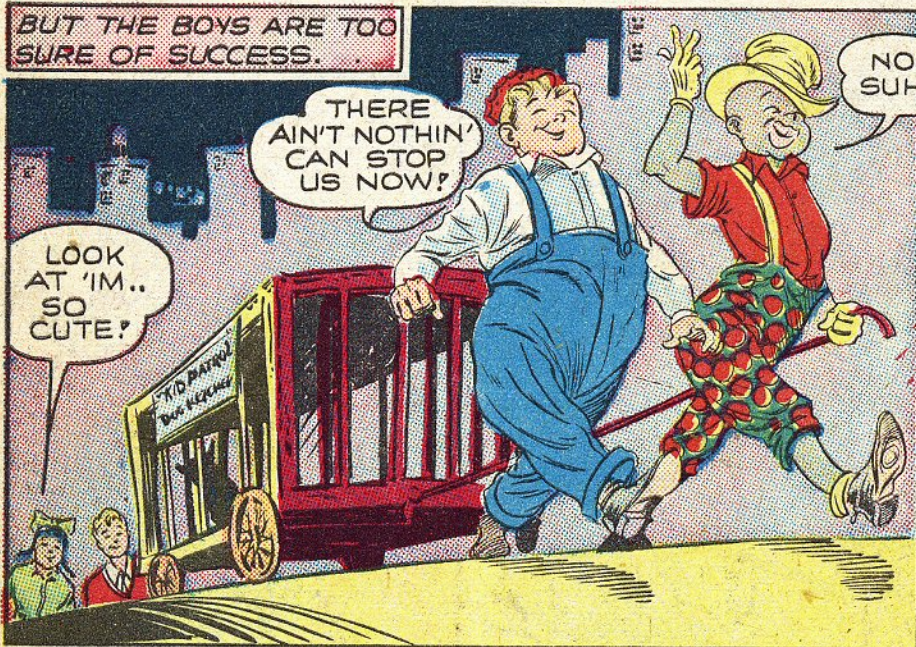
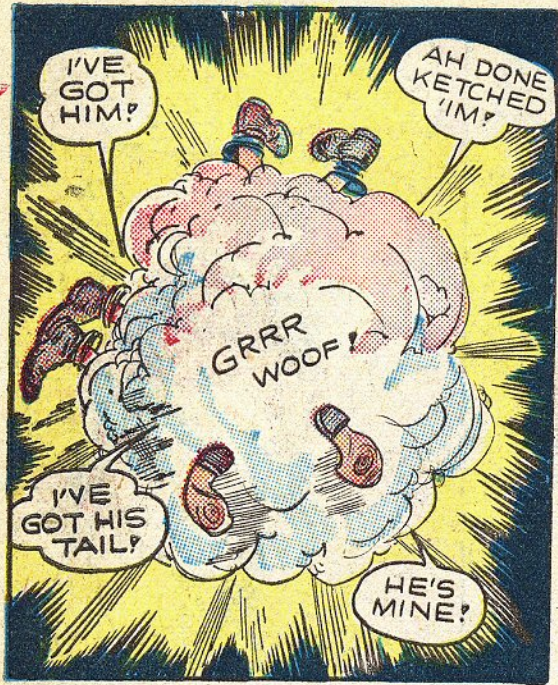
JUS' ONE LI'L OLE DAWG IS ALL AH CRAVE!

GUESS THEY'RE ALL HIDIN' FROM US!



SUDDENLY.. LOOK!





PUFFING AND GASPING, THE KIDS DASH INTO PORKY'S BACK YARD.

SHUT THE GATE QUICK?

YAY! NOW WE'RE RID O' THOSE MUTTS?



BUT TEDDY DOESN'T SWING THE GATE FAST ENOUGH.

YIP
YIPE YIP
YIP

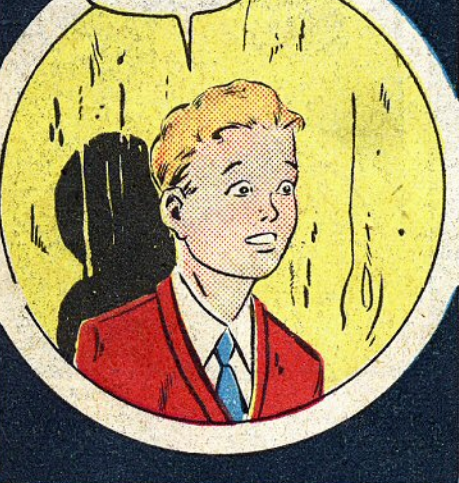
OH?? GOSH? HERE THEY COME!



WE IS SUNK? HOW IS WE GONNA COLLECT TWO DOLLARS ON EVERY DAWG IN TOWN??



CHEER UP, SUNSHINE? I'LL GO DOWN TO THE DOG CATCHER'S AN' SEE WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THE DOGS?



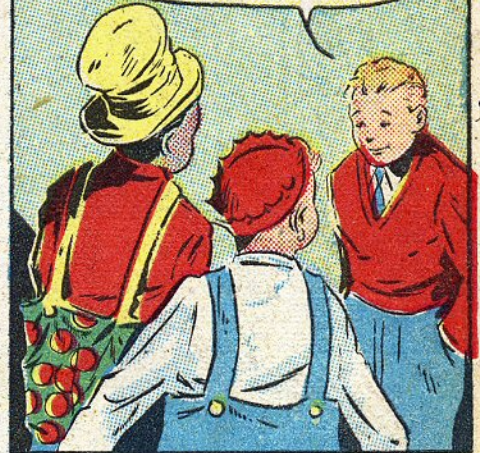
THE DOG CATCHER DOESN'T THINK MUCH OF TEDDY'S IDEA.

GIVE YOU TWO BUCKS FOR A MOB OF MANGY MUTTS? SCAT, KID? I'M BUSY LOOKING FOR MRS. FINN'S PEDIGREED DOG?

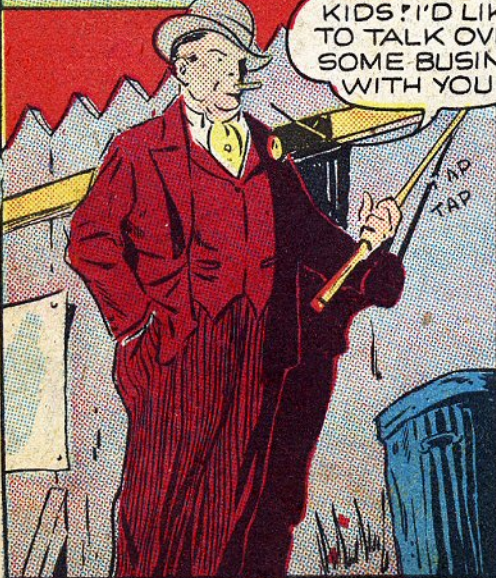


SADLY TEDDY REPORTS BACK TO HIS PALS.

.. SO WE'RE STUCK WITH 'EM.. BUT HOW CAN WE FEED ALL THOSE ANIMALS?



THINGS ARE INDEED BAD? BUT WHO IS THIS STRANGE INDIVIDUAL LURKING AT THE FENCE?

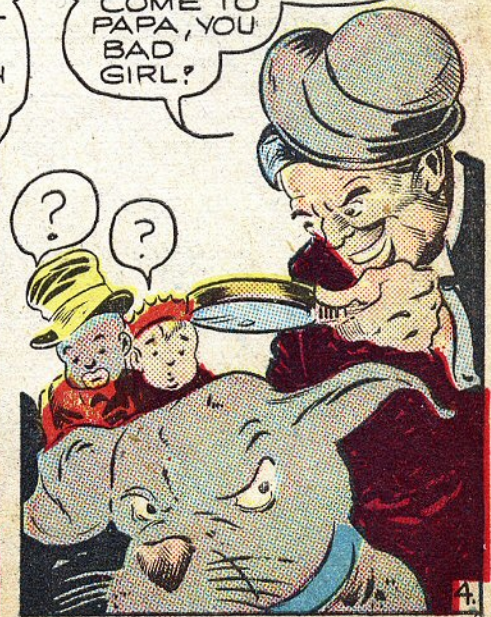


HOWDY, KIDS? I'D LIKE TO TALK OVER SOME BUSINESS WITH YOU?

I'M SCRATCHUM OF SCRATCHUM'S FLEA CIRCUS.. THIS MORNIN' I VISITED MRS. GIMMICK AN' I LOST MY BEST TRAINED FLEA... I HAVE A HUNCH ELOISE IS ON MRS. GIMMICK'S DOG?



THIS IS THE MUTT? AH? THERE YOU ARE, ELOISE? COME TO PAPA, YOU BAD GIRL?



SCRATCHUM ENCLOSES ELOISE IN AN AERIATED CELLOPHANE PILL BOX.

.. HER TRAVELING CRATE.. HERE, KIDS. A QUARTER A PIECE?

GEEE?

THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF ELOISE.. AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ALL THOSE DOGS.. SOON'S IT'S DINNER TIME THEY'LL ALL STREAK FOR HOME? SO LONG?

MEANWHILE MRS. JONATHON FINN WEEPS OVER THE LOSS OF HER PET BULL DOG.

MY POOR, POOR FIFI? JAMES, DRIVE AROUND THE ENTIRE CITY UNTIL WE FIND FIFI?

YES, M'AM?

THE FINN LIMOUSINE PASSES THE KID PATROL'S YARD.

JAMES.. STOP AT ONCE? LISTEN TO ALL THOSE DOGS? MAYBE FIFI.

AND WHEN MRS. FINN ENTERS THE YARD..

FIFI!

ARF! ARF!

YOU ADORABLE CHILDREN? JUST TO SHOW YOU HOW GRATEFUL I AM, HERE'S FIFTY DOLLARS?

WHY.. WE IS GOIN' TO DE PET STORE AN' BUY US EACH A PUPPY DAWG?

THE KIDS TUMBLE OUT OF THE YARD, CRAZY WITH JOY.

HI, KIDS? SAY, WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH ALL THAT MONEY?

HUH? F-F-F-F-???

F-FIFTY? GULP!

FIFTY D-D-D-ULP!

FIFTY DOLLARS? WHEE!

SO ANOTHER ROLLICKING KID PATROL ADVENTURE IS OVER... UNTIL NEXT MONTH'S NATIONAL COMICS.



FLORIDA... VACATIONLAND BECKONS THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP, DANNY DIXON, AND HIS MANAGER, "BOTTLE" TOPPS

OH BOY, AM I GONNA RELAX IN THE SUN... JUST ONE LONG LOAF..

.. BY THE WAY, I'VE ARRANGED A PROGRAM FOR YOU HERE.. FOURTEEN PUBLIC APPEARANCES, A WEEKLY RADIO SHOW AND..

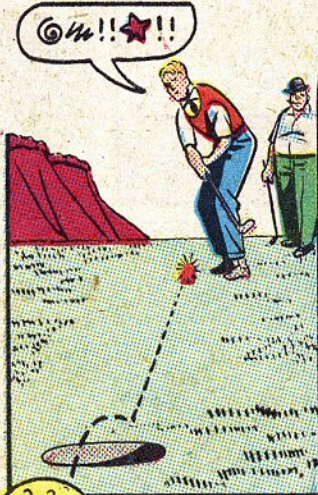
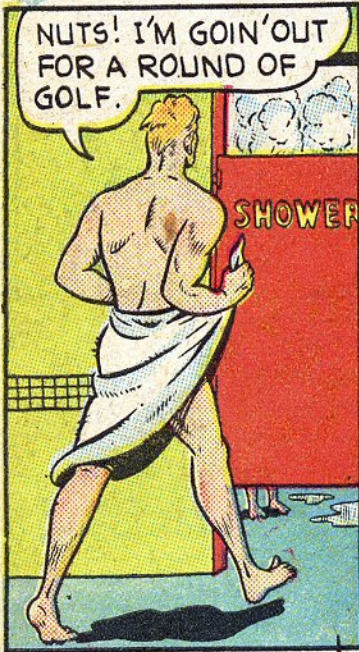
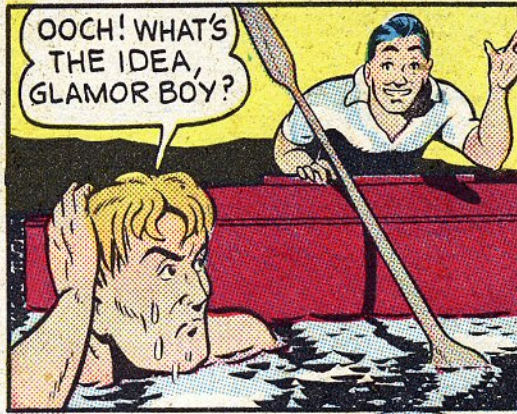
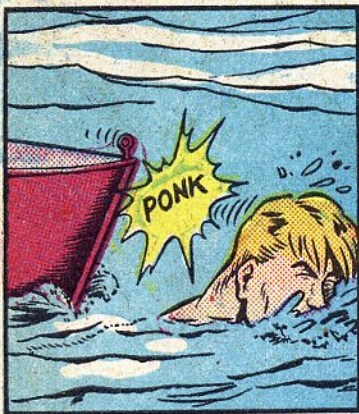
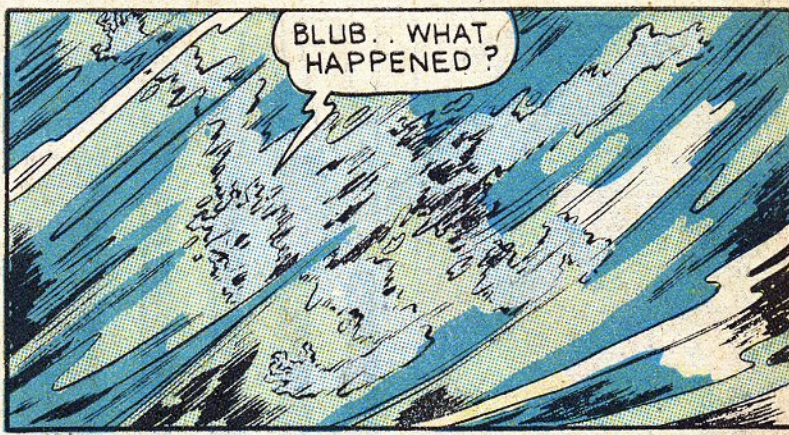
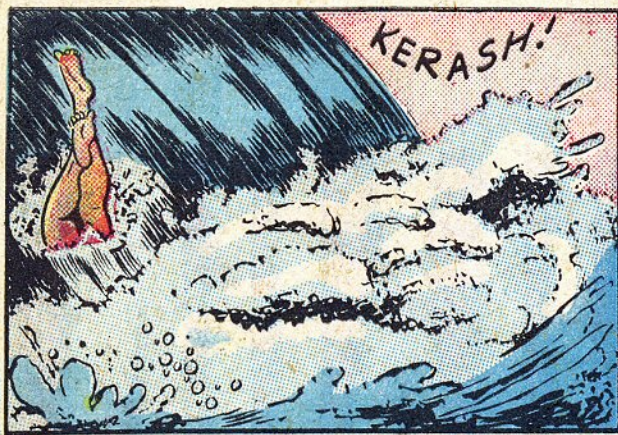
.. SIX TEA CLUTCHES, A MOVIE SPORT SHORT, REFEREEING SOCIETY KIDS' LADIES' AND PLAYBOYS' BOXING BOLTS....

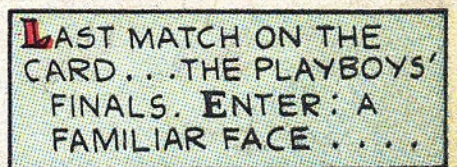
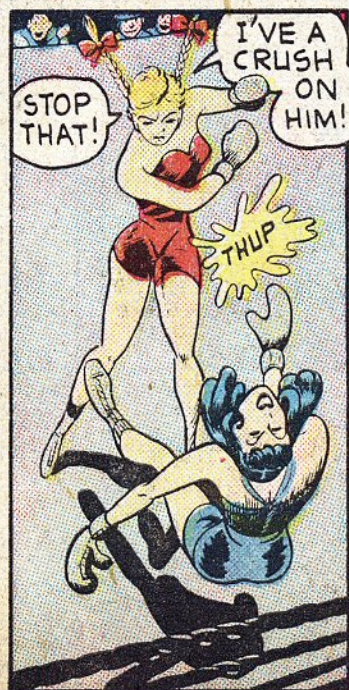
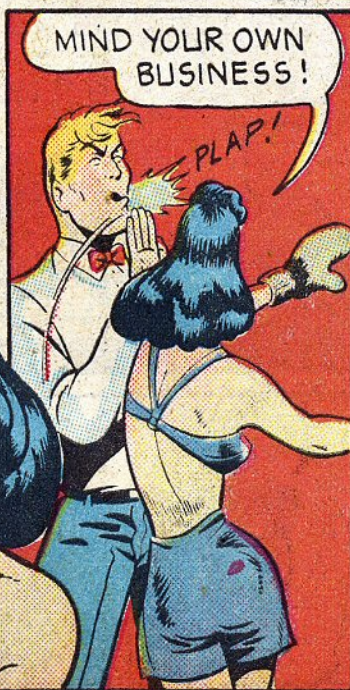
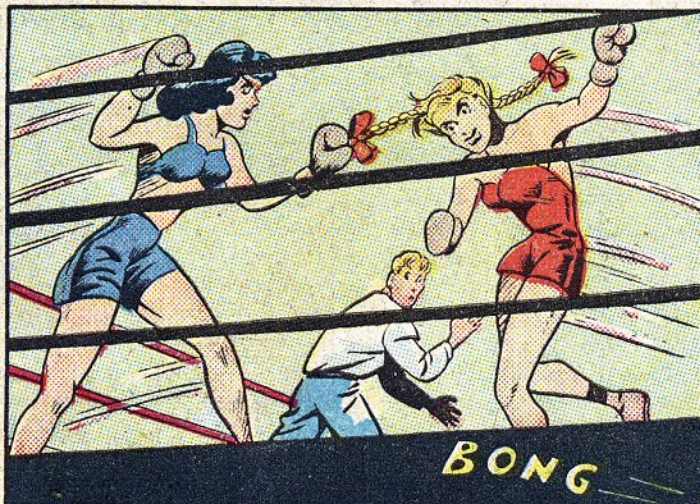
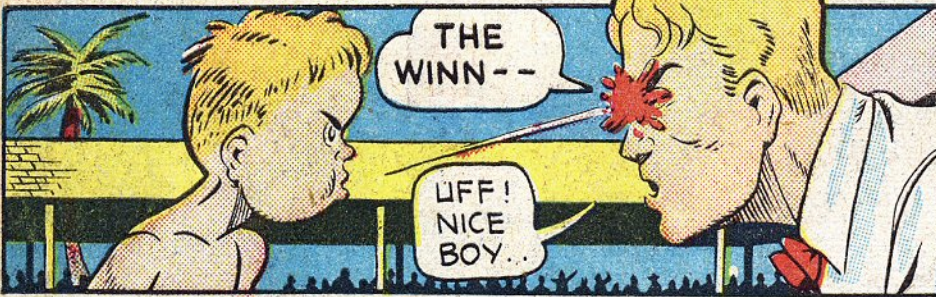
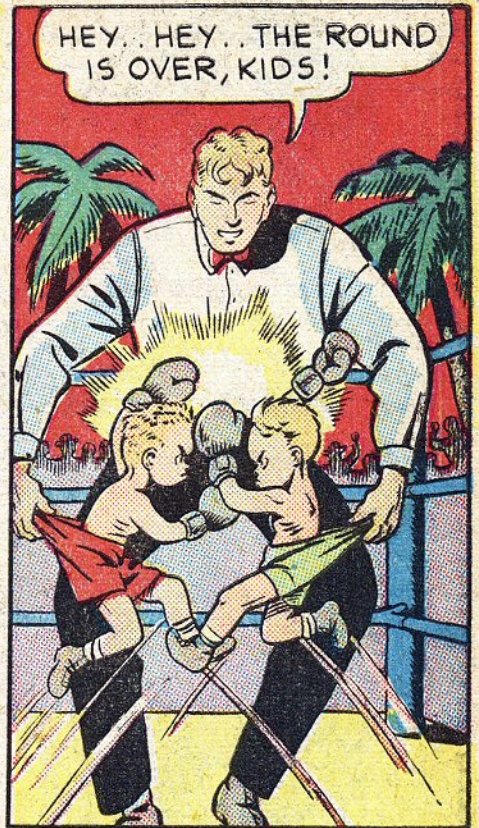
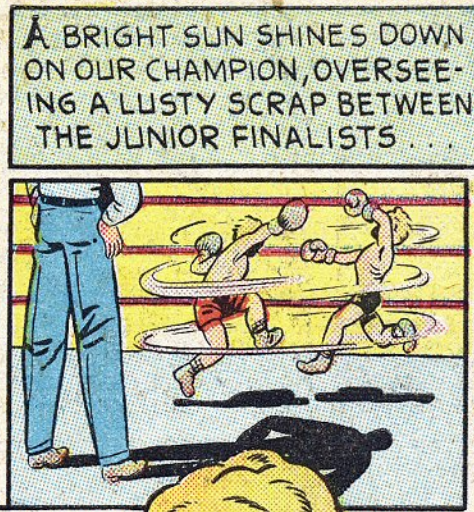
OI!

STOP! I GOT A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!

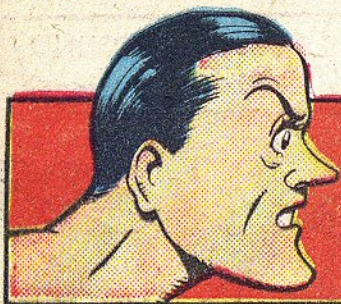
OH OH.. THINK I'LL GO IN FOR A DIP!

DAGNABBIT.. NOW YOU COME ALONG AN' CRAB MY ACT!

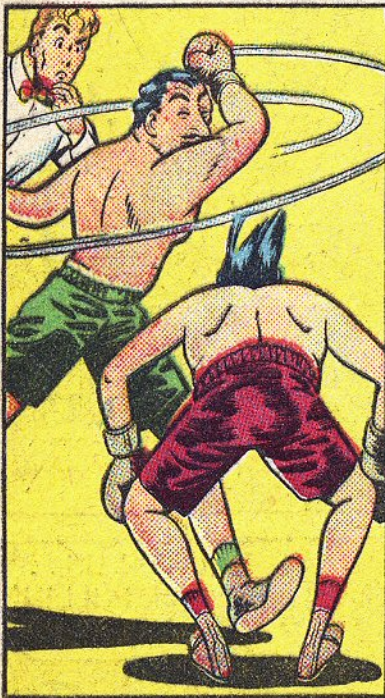




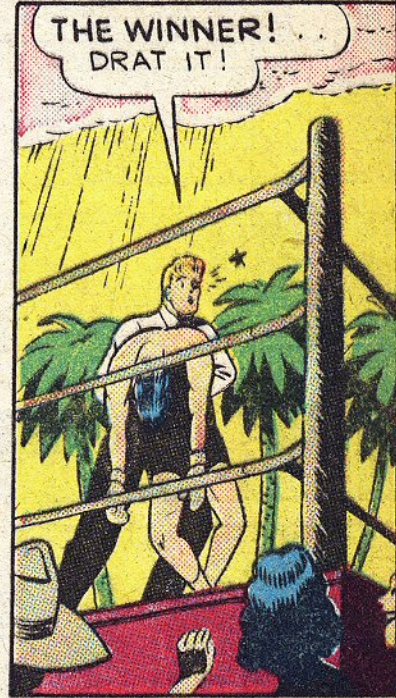
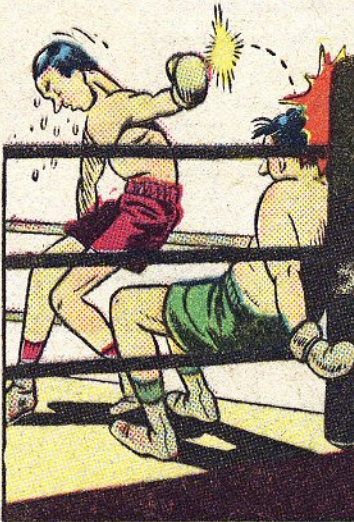
PHIL BAUBLE VERSUS RALPH RUBBLE.



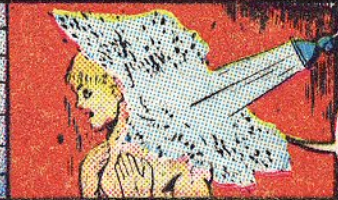
I WAS GETTING ALONG FAMOUSLY WITH PRISCILLA UNTIL YOU CUT IN, BAUBLE.. NOW I'M GOING TO REVEAL YOU AS THE UNPARALLELED BOOB THAT YOU ARE! PUT UP YOUR HANDS, BAUBLE!



AFTER FOUR STANZAS OF GRUELLING EFFORT, RUBBLE SUCCUMBS.



NICE WORK, CHAMP.. NOW TONIGHT WE MAKE A GUEST APPEARANCE AT THE "CROCODILE CLUB". I GET A MEAL ON THE HOUSE...



YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GETTIN' ANY FUN OUTA MY VACATION.



YOU AIN'T SUPPOSED TO HAVE FUN..YOU'RE IN TRAINING!..

DON'T I SEE ENOUGH O'YOU DAYS TO HAVE YOU ON MY TAIL NIGHTS?



WHEN PHIL BAUBLE LEAVES, YOU GUYS JUMP HIM AND SHANGHAI HIM ONTO YOUR SHIP.

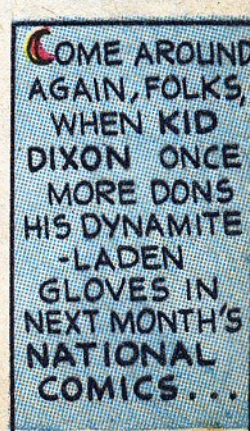
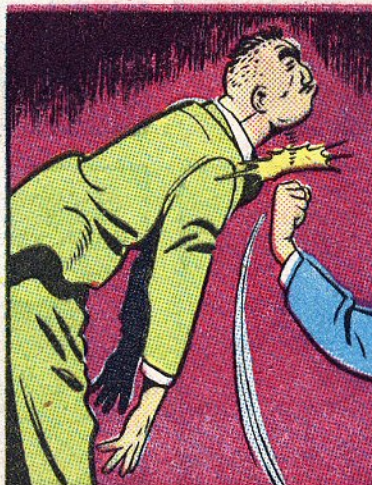
JA, VE COULD USE HIM.. SEAMEN FOR DER VAR ZONE ISS SCARCE...

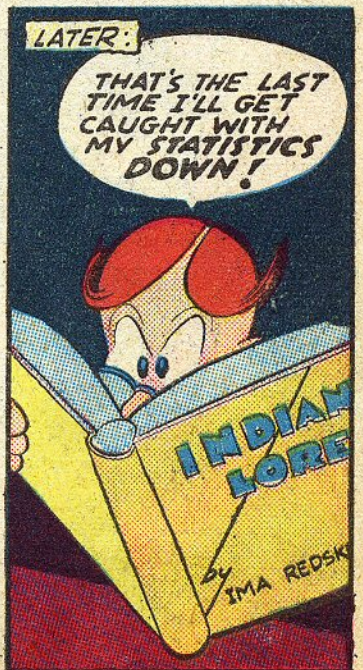
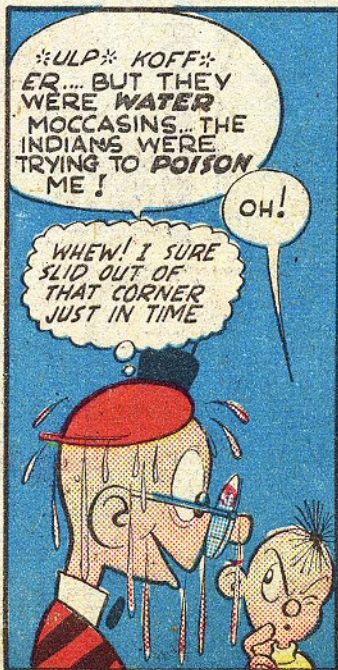
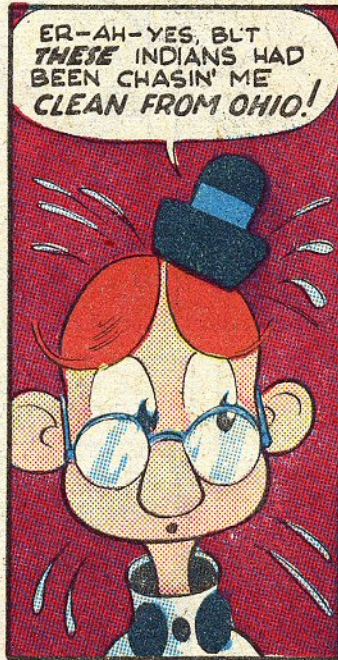
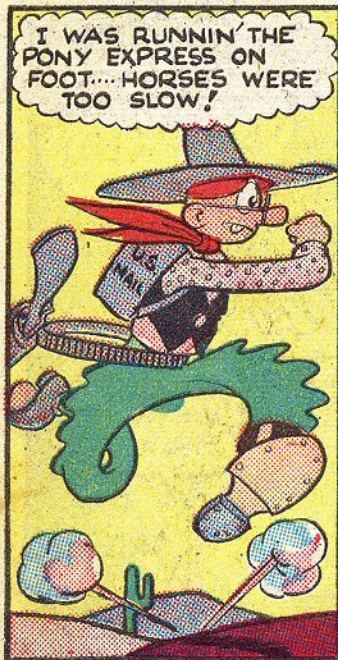
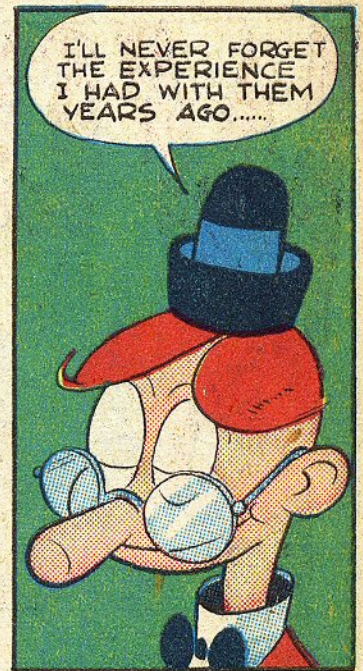
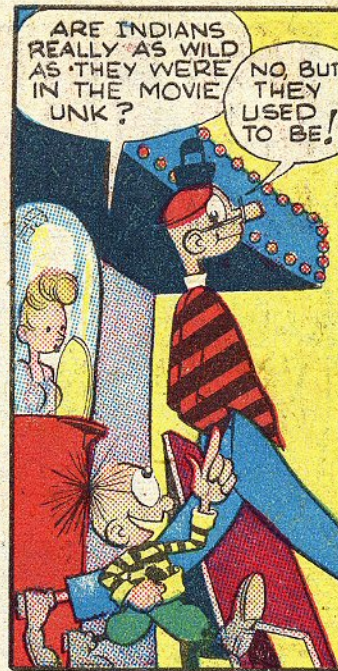
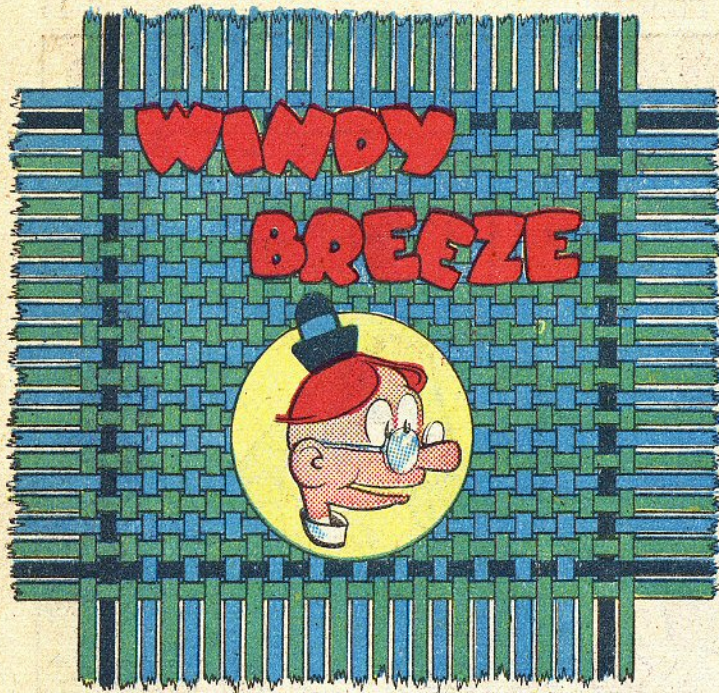


AND PUSH HIS PRETTY NOSE IN WHILE YOU'RE AT IT.. SO'S THE DOLLS WON'T GIVE HIM A SECOND GLANCE...



DID YOU HEAR THAT, TOPPSY? WE BETTER DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT THIS!





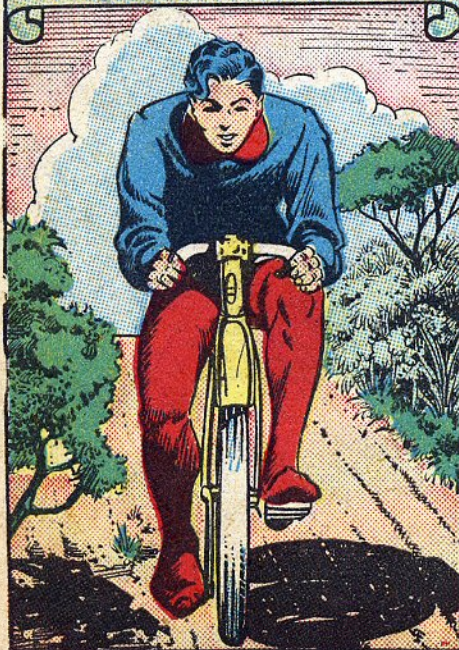
WONDER BOY

BY
Jerry
Maxwell

HALF-PINT IN SIZE BUT A FULL GROWN TORNADO IN POWER AND ACTION, **WONDER BOY** PITS HIS MIGHTY STRENGTH AND SKILL AGAINST THE DISCIPLES OF EVIL AND INJUSTICE. .



ONE DAY WONDER BOY IS PEDALLING ALONG A COUNTRY ROAD WHEN...



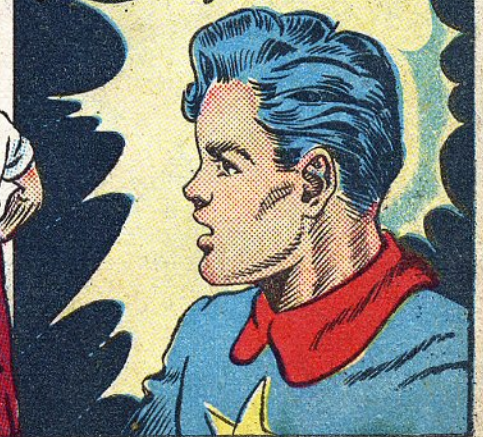
HE SEES AN OLD FARM COUPLE'S POSSESSIONS BEING AUCTIONED OFF.

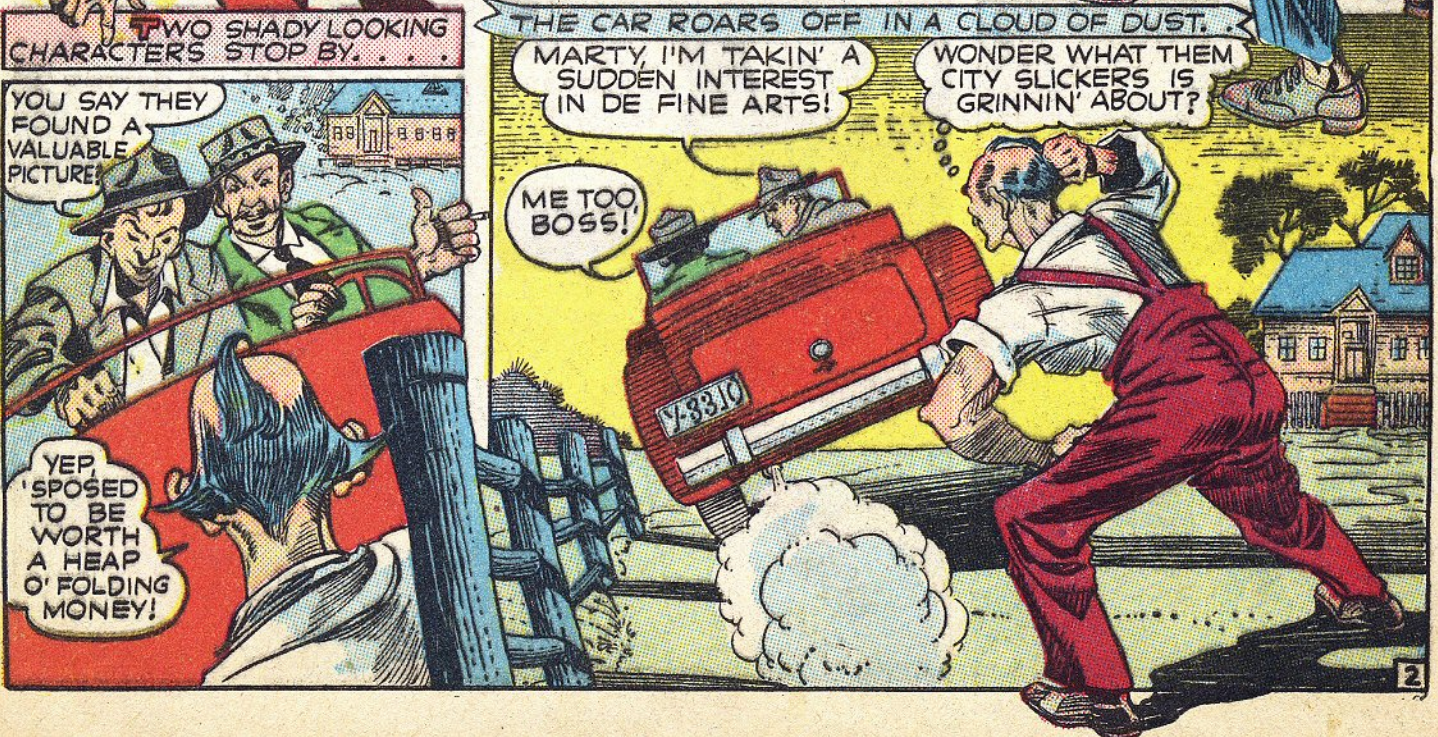
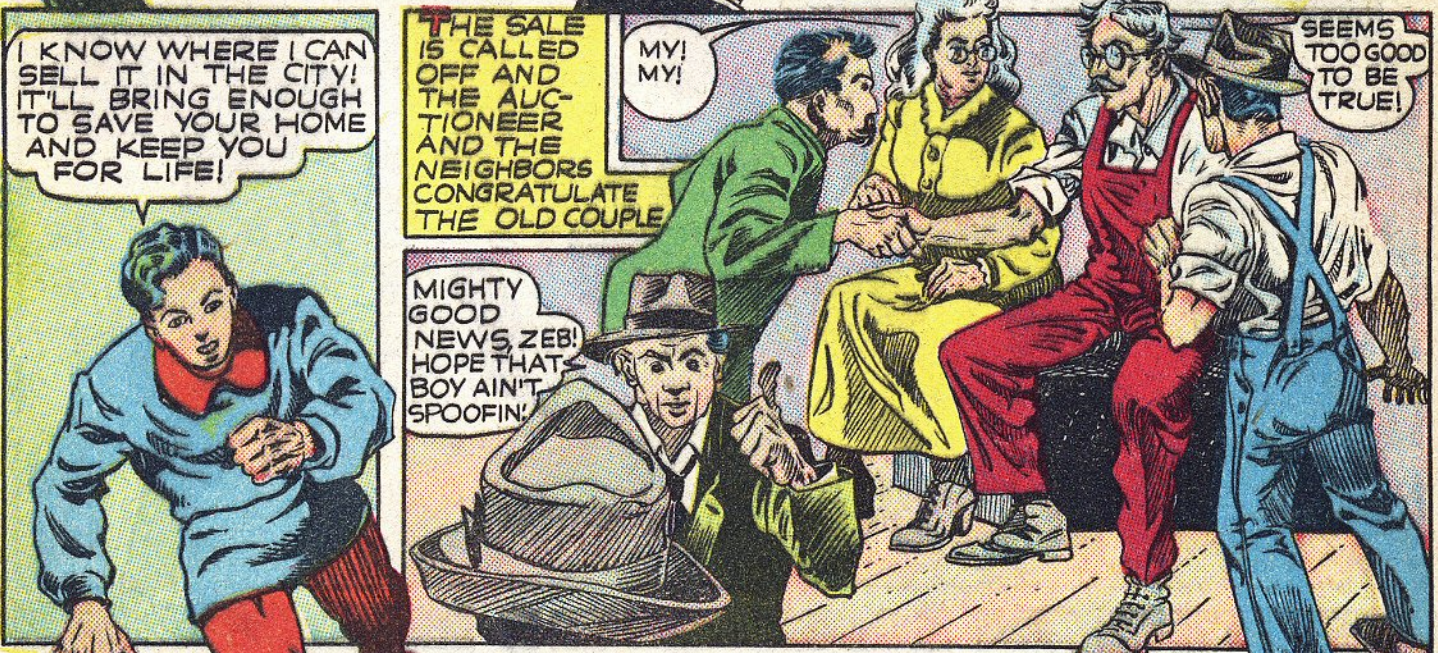
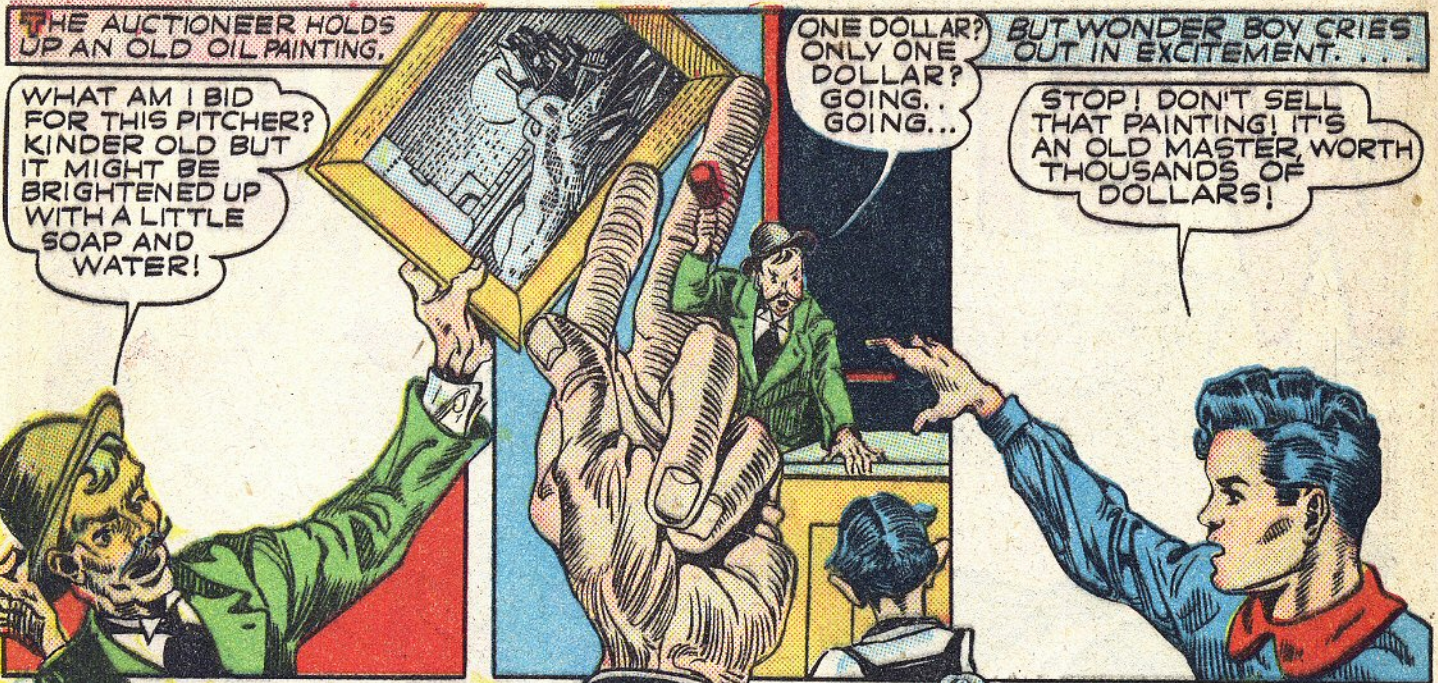


WHAT AM I BID.?

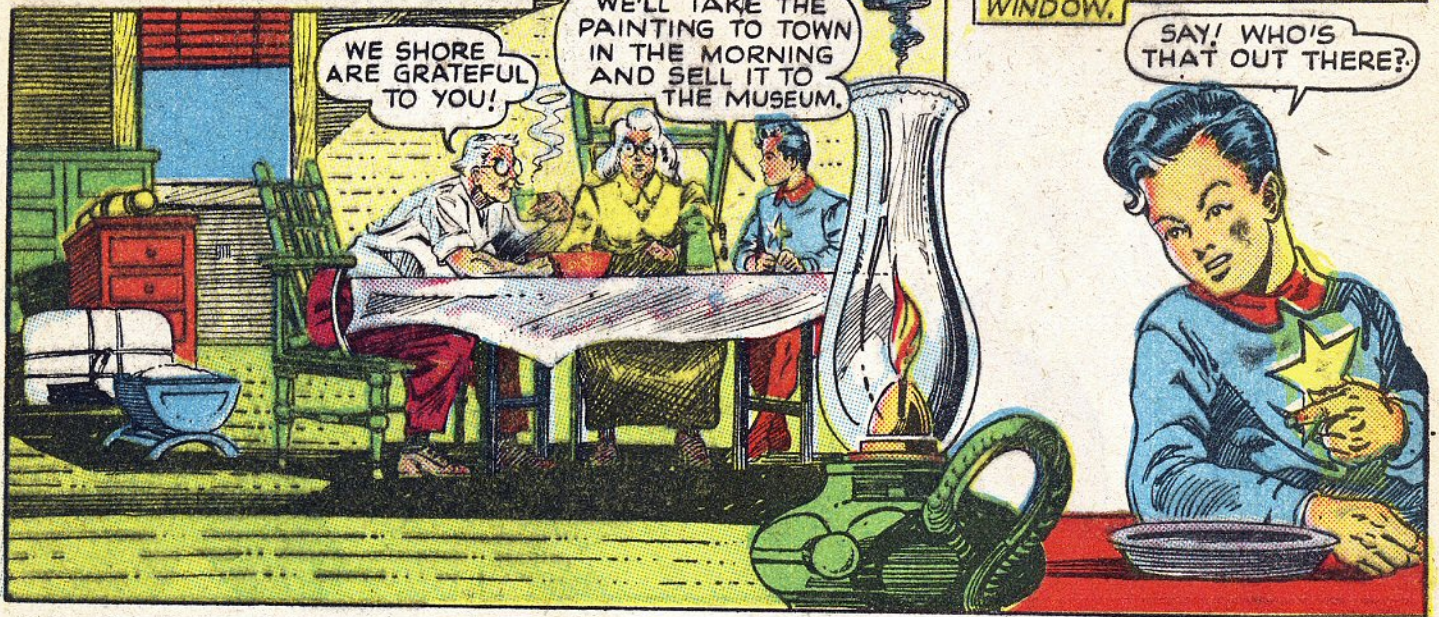
NEVER MIND, MARTHY, WE'LL FIND A NEW HOME.. SOME PLACE!

SAY THAT'S A SHAME! NICE LOOKING OLD COUPLE TOO! I'D BETTER STOP AND SEE IF I CAN HELP THEM!





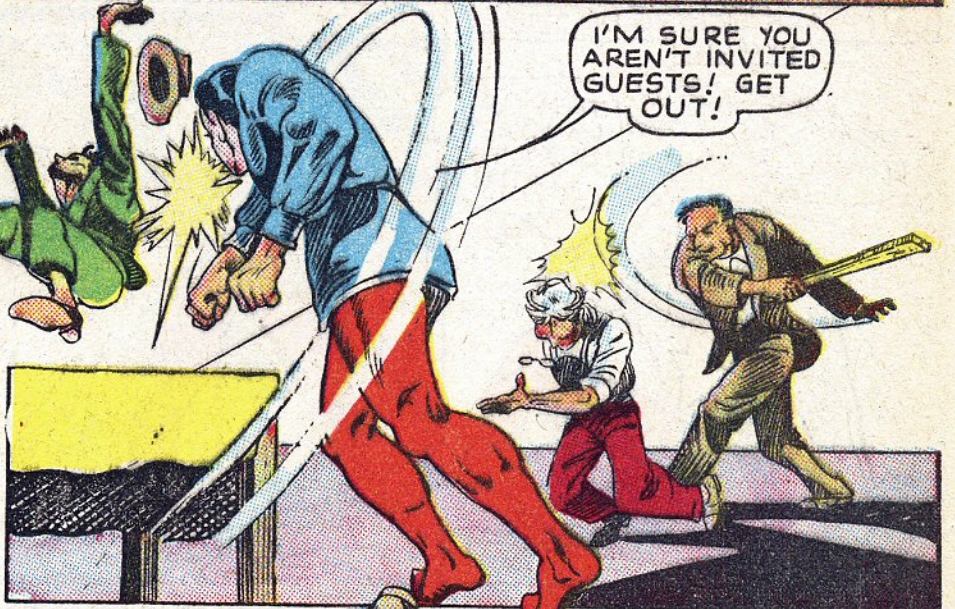
THAT EVENING WONDER BOY SHARES A SIMPLE MEAL WITH THE OLD COUPLE.



THE TWO HOODLUMS GAZE GREEDILY AT THE VALUABLE PICTURE.



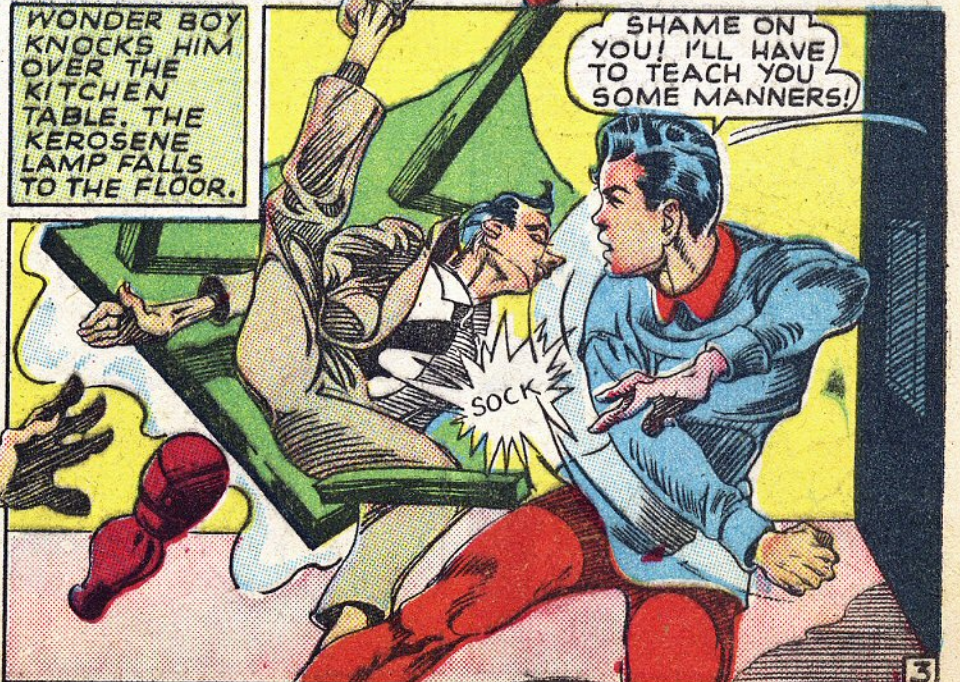
AS THEY ENTER THE HOUSE WONDER BOY GOES INTO ACTION!



ONE THUG FELS THE OLD LADY WITH A CRUEL SLAP.



WONDER BOY KNOCKS HIM OVER THE KITCHEN TABLE. THE KEROSENE LAMP FALLS TO THE FLOOR.

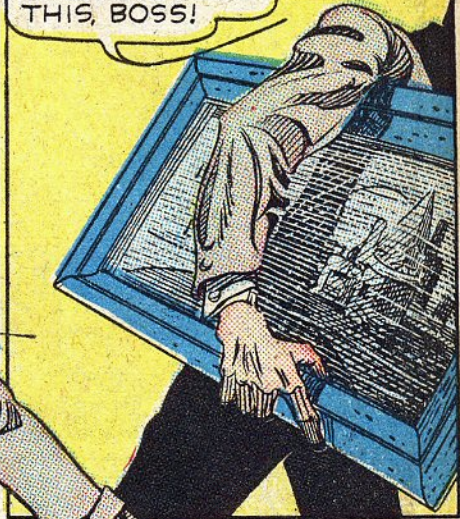
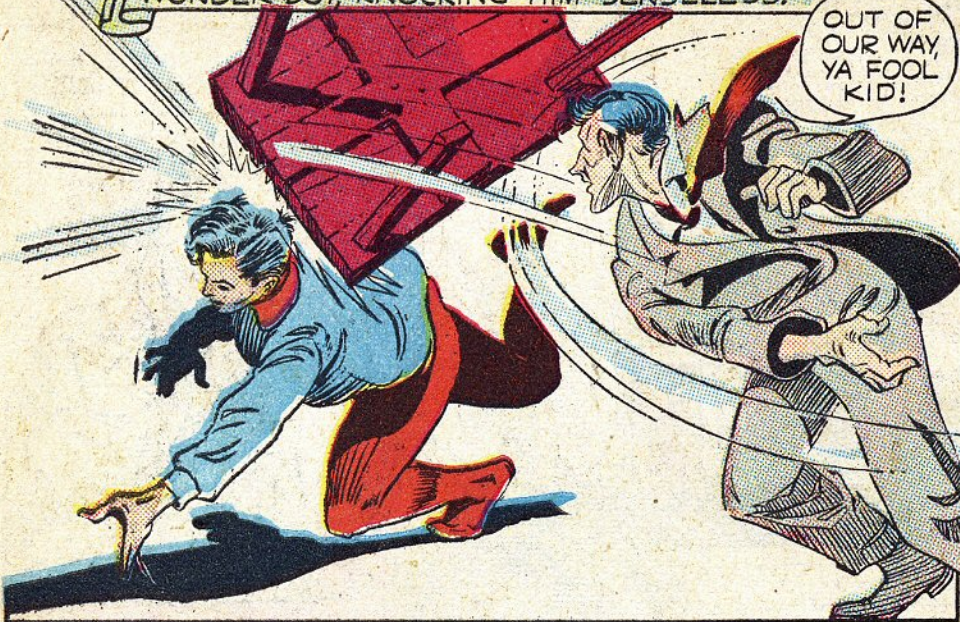


BUT THE ENRAGED CROOK HURLS THE TABLE AT WONDER BOY, KNOCKING HIM SENSELESS.

OUT OF OUR WAY, YA FOOL KID!

THE THUGS RIP THE PICTURE FROM THE WALL AND RUSH OUT WITH IT.

WE'LL BE SITTIN' PRETTY WHEN WE SELL THIS, BOSS!

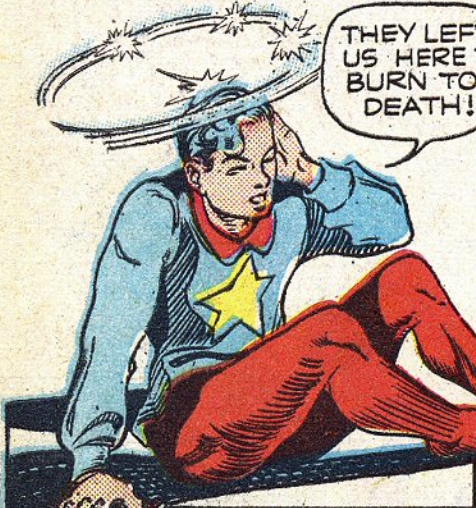


WHEN WONDER BOY REVIVES, FLAMES FROM THE FALLEN LAMP ARE LICKING UP THE WALL.

BUT HE FILLS A BUCKET WITH WATER AND DROWNS THE FIRE.

OUTSIDE, THE CROOKS ARE FLEEING. WONDER BOY SPOTS A BOX OF ROOFING NAILS.

THEY LEFT US HERE TO BURN TO DEATH!



I CAN'T CATCH THEM ON FOOT BUT...



HE RACES TO A HIGH BLUFF ABOVE THE ROAD.

WONDER BOY HURLS A FISTFUL OF THE NAILS IN THE PATH OF THE THUGS' CAR.

FOUR BLOWOUTS AND THEN THERE IS A GRINDING CRASH.

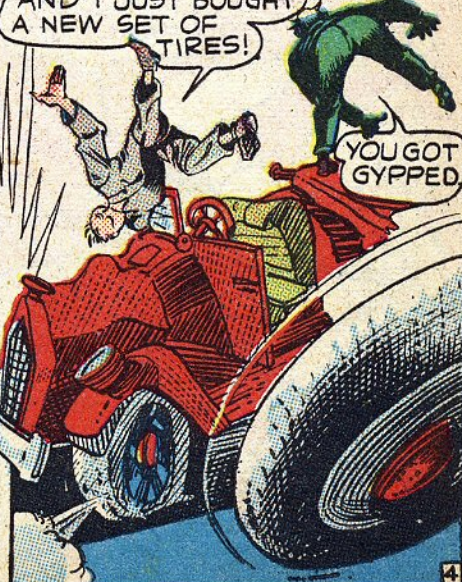
I JUST HOPE THIS SHORT CUT WILL GET ME TO THE BEND IN THE HIGHWAY IN TIME! THESE NAILS WILL COME IN HANDY!

HEY! IT'S THAT PESKY KID AGAIN!

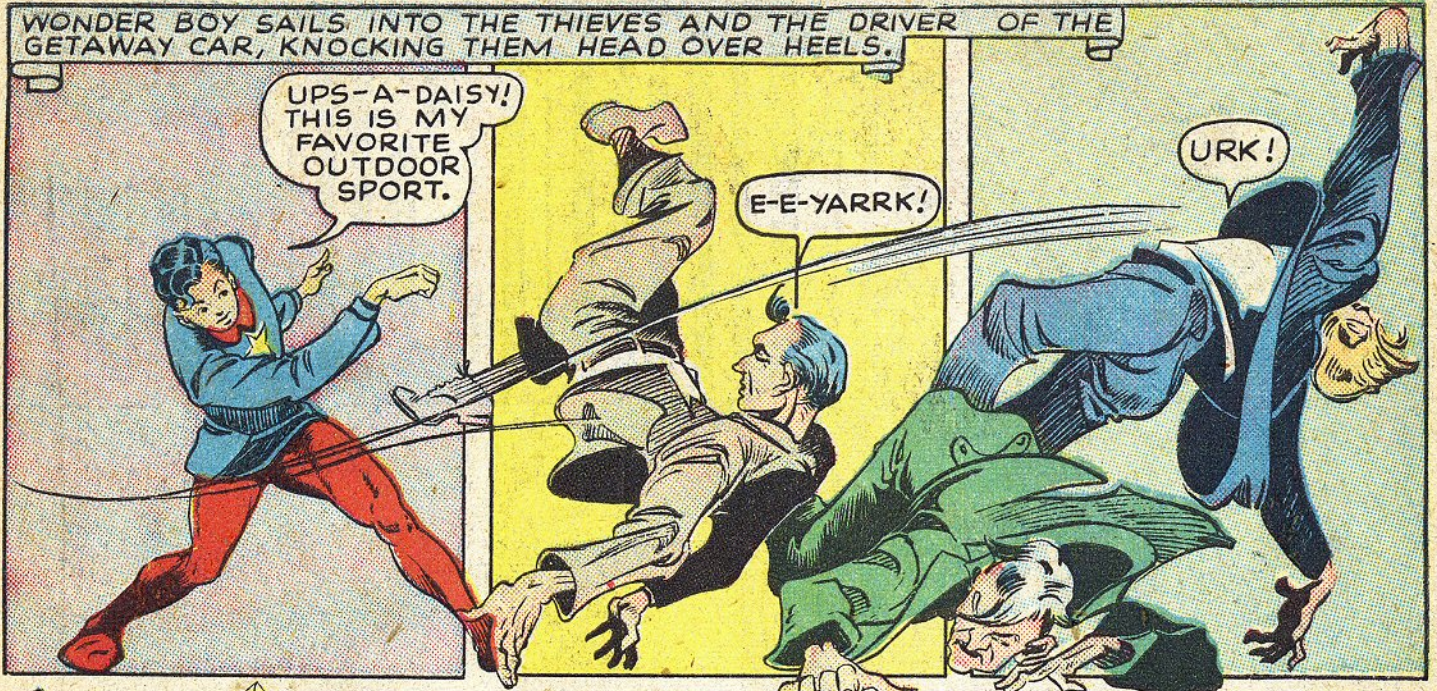
YES, AND I'M GOING TO MAKE A REAL NUISANCE OF MYSELF THIS TIME!

AND I JUST BOUGHT A NEW SET OF TIRES!

YOU GOT GYPED



WONDER BOY SAILS INTO THE THIEVES AND THE DRIVER OF THE GETAWAY CAR, KNOCKING THEM HEAD OVER HEELS.



ONE CROOK RUNS OFF WITH THE PAINTING.

BUT WONDER BOY ROLLS HIM OUT FLAT WITH THE SPARE WHEEL.



A PASSING FARMER LOADS THE UNCONSCIOUS THUGS INTO HIS JALOPY.

WONDER BOY RETURNS THE PICTURE TO THE OLD COUPLE.

THE NEXT DAY AT THE CITY ART MUSEUM.



WE OWE YOU A LOT!

TOMORROW YOUR WORRIES WILL BE OVER!

HEAVENLY DAYS! HIRAM, WE MUST SHARE IT WITH THIS YOUNG MAN!

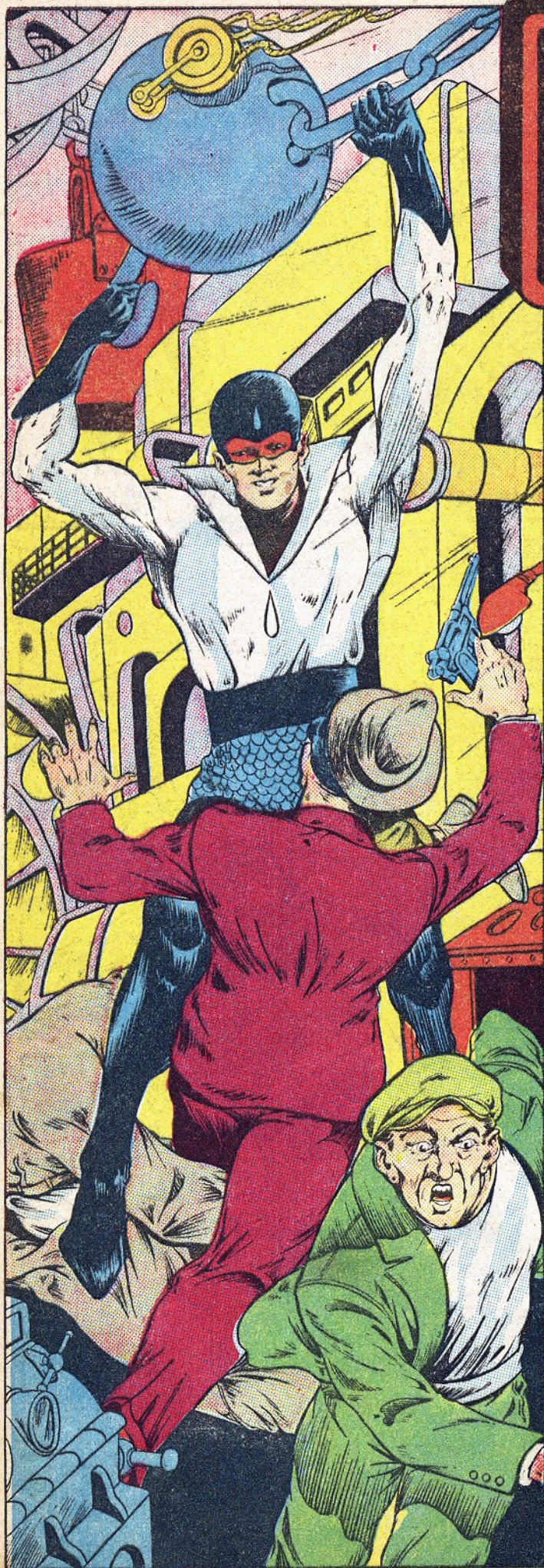
HERE IS YOUR CHECK FOR TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!



WONDER BOY PLUNGES INTO ANOTHER THRILL-PAKED ADVENTURE IN NEXT MONTH'S NATIONAL COMICS.

NO, THANKS. I'D RATHER HAVE ONE OF YOUR HOME COOKED MEALS!

OFFICE CITY ART MUSEUM



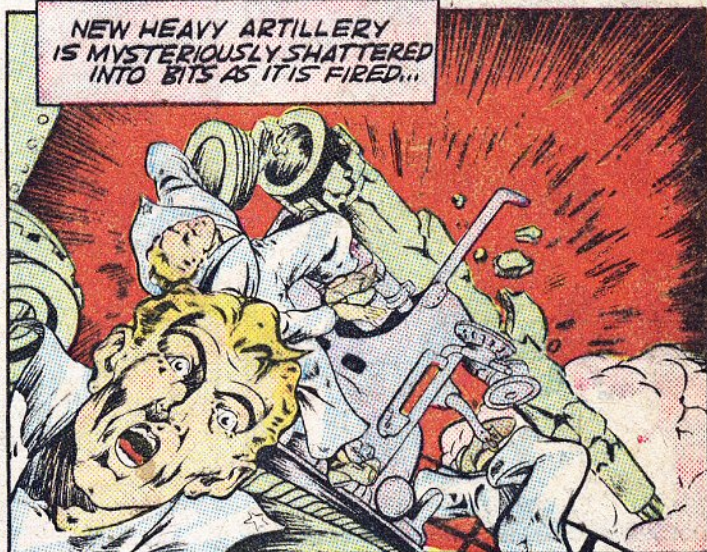
QUICKSILVER

The Laughing Robin Hood
by Nick CARDY

EVEN THE SPEED OF LIGHTNING DOESN'T SURPASS THAT POWERHOUSE OF HUMAN FORCE AND STAMINA... QUICKSILVER... THE ONE-MAN BLITZKRIEG, PROTECTING JUSTICE AND RIGHT.....

A STRANGE MALADY STRIKES OUR DEFENSE PROGRAM... BAFFLING EVERYONE FROM ENGINEERS DOWN TO THE F.B.I.

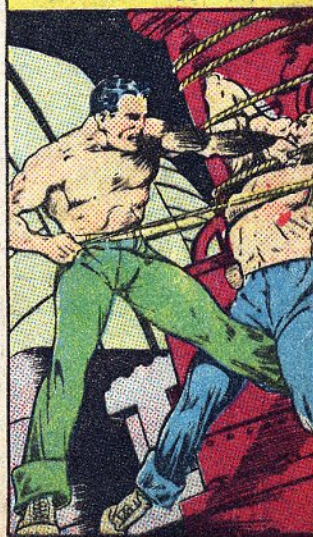
NEW HEAVY ARTILLERY IS MYSTERIOUSLY SHATTERED INTO BITS AS IT IS FIRED...

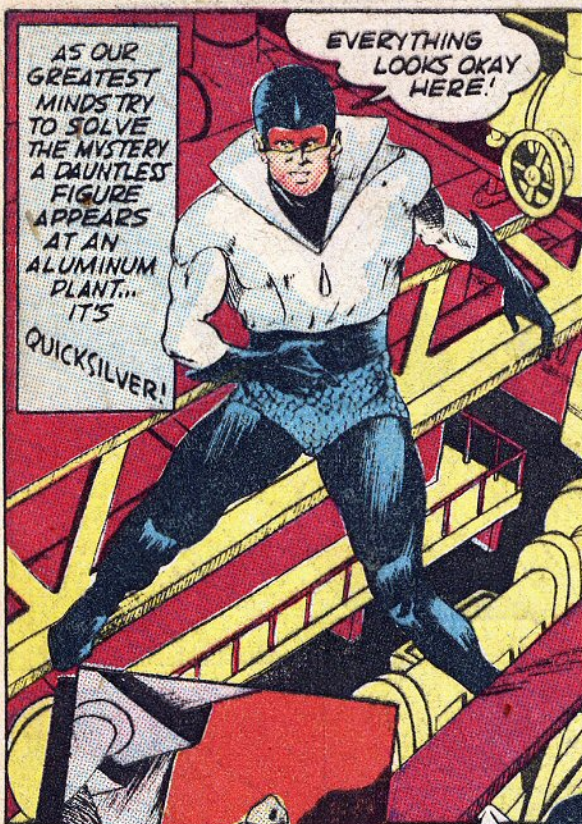


GIANT BOMBERS SUDDENLY COLLAPSE IN THE AIR AND CRASH TO EARTH... TORN, TWISTED MASSES



WORKERS ARE SECRETLY ATTACKED AND DEFENSE PRODUCTION DROPS OFF DANGEROUSLY...

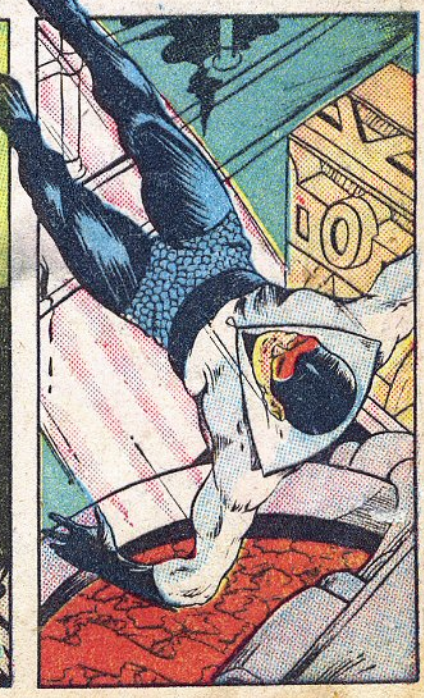
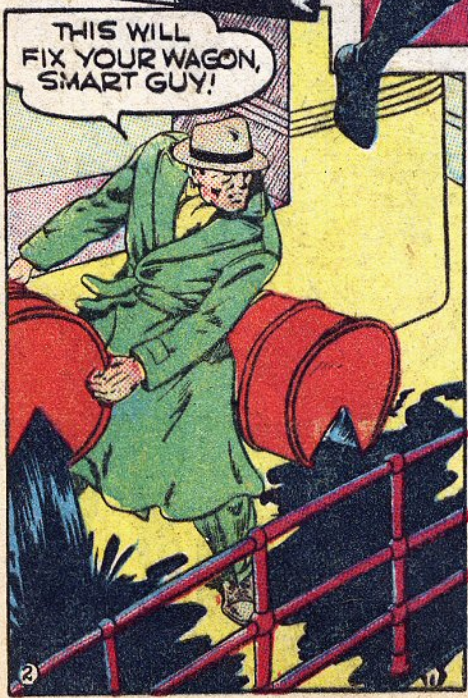
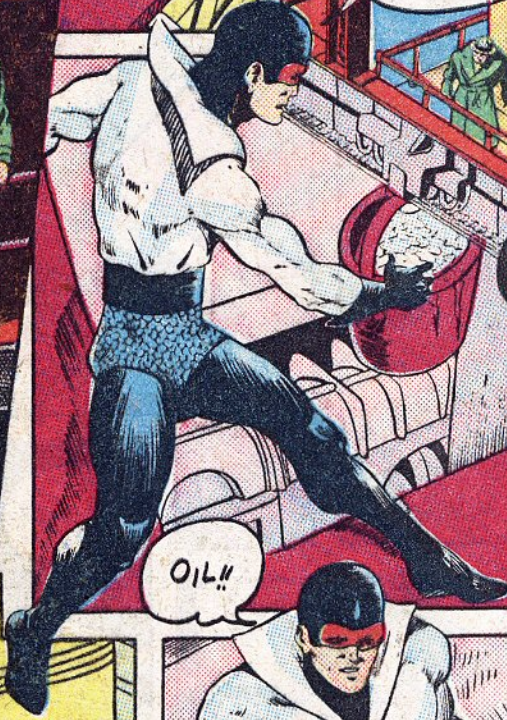




THIS IS ONE PLACE THOSE SMART SCIENTISTS DIDN'T THINK OF LOOKING... THE PLACE WHERE THE METAL COMES FROM!!

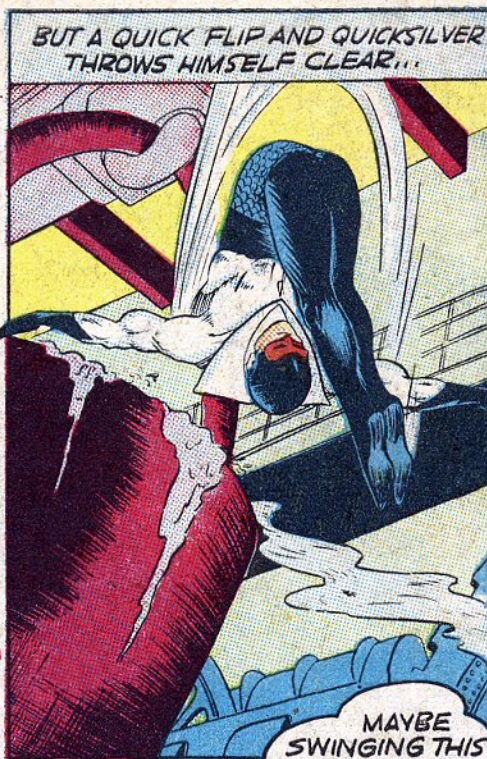


WHAT DID YOU THROW IN THAT POT OF MOLTEN ALUMINUM!

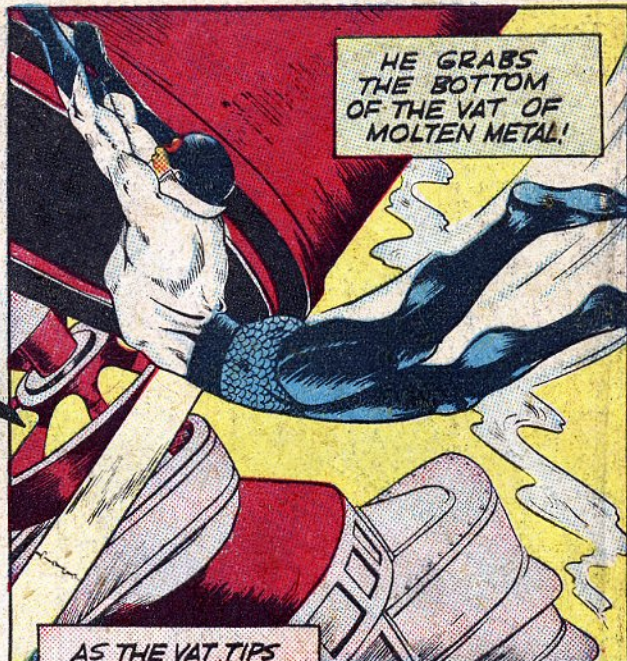




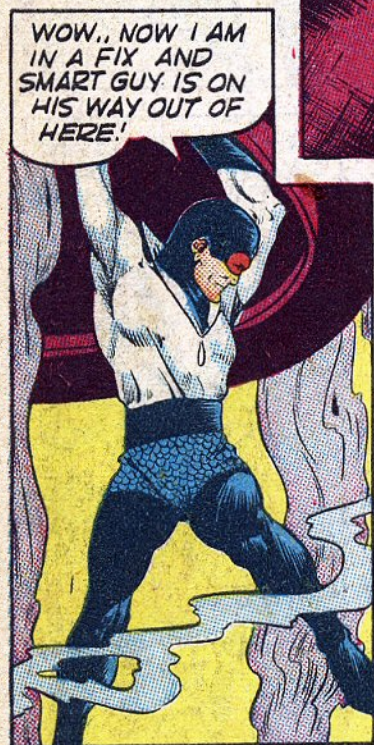
HEH, HEH, HEH...
THAT'S YOUR
FINISH, NOSEY!



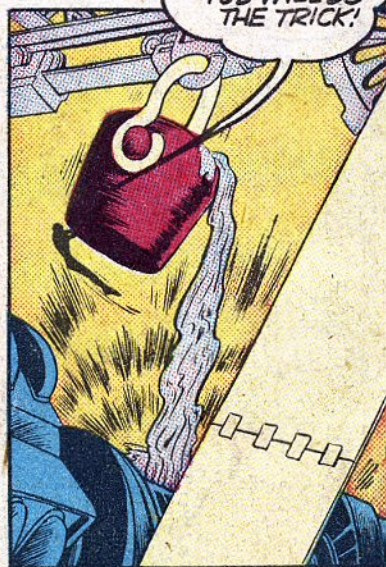
BUT A QUICK FLIP AND QUICKSILVER
THROWS HIMSELF CLEAR...



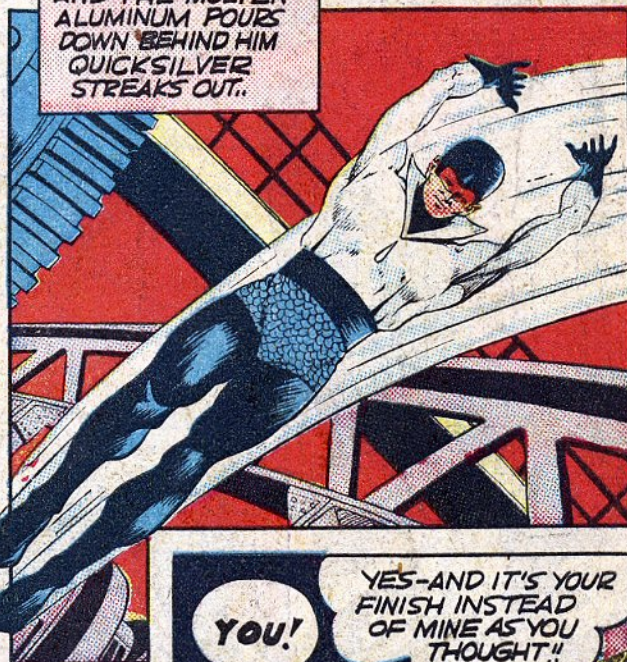
HE GRABS
THE BOTTOM
OF THE VAT OF
MOLTEN METAL!



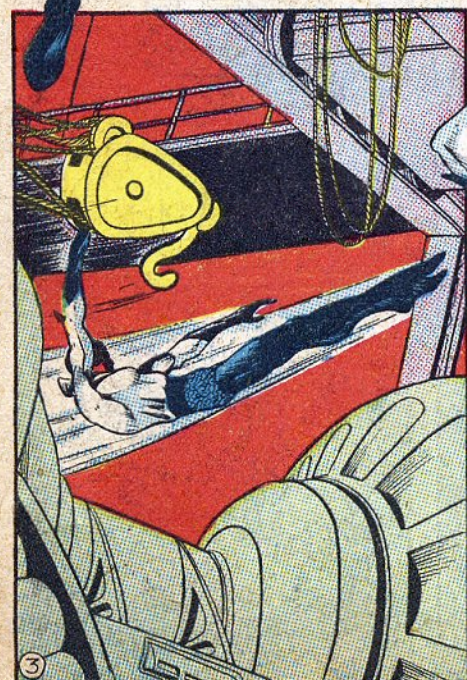
WOW.. NOW I AM
IN A FIX AND
SMART GUY IS ON
HIS WAY OUT OF
HERE!



MAYBE
SWINGING THIS
TUB WILL DO
THE TRICK!



AS THE VAT TIPS
AND THE MOLTEN
ALUMINUM POURS
DOWN BEHIND HIM
QUICKSILVER
STREAKS OUT..



HEY,
BUD!!



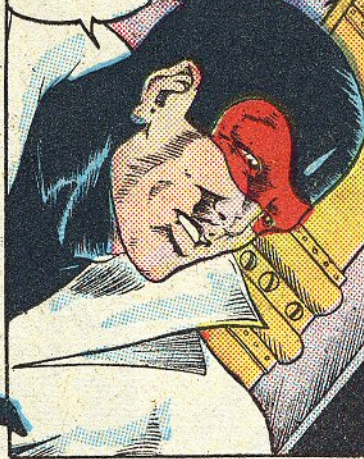
YOU!

YES-AND IT'S YOUR
FINISH INSTEAD
OF MINE AS YOU
THOUGHT!!

INSTANTLY THE THUG REACHES FOR HIS GUN, BUT THE SPEED DEMON QUICKSILVER IS UPON HIM BEFORE HE CAN GET IT OUT OF THE HOLSTER OF HIS COAT.....



HOLY MACKERAL.. THE GUN WENT OFF AND KILLED HIM! WELL-THIS ENDED IN A HURRY...OR DID IT ?? MAYBE THIS GUY IS NOTHING MORE THAN A STOOGIE FOR SOMEONE ELSE!



EXAMINING THE BODY, QUICKSILVER FINDS NO IDENTIFICATION CLUES EXCEPT A CLEANING CO. NUMBER..



THE SUNSHINE CLEANERS.. THEY'RE RIGHT NEAR HERE!



HEY- IS THIS WHERE YOU KEEP A RECORD OF THE NUMBERS YOU PUT ON THE SUITS YOU CLEAN?



'AT'S RIGHT, BOSS- BUT THIS PLACE IS CLOSED NOW! AH'S ONLY TH' WATCHMAN! NOW GO 'WAY- AH'S SLEEPY!

S-S-S- H-HOWD YOU GET IN H-HERE? AH JUST LOCKED EVERY DOOR!!



Y-YEAH SUH.. B-BUT HE SENDS IN DOZENS OF SUITS WAY TOO BIG FOR HIM EVERY WEEK... ALL SMEARED UP!!

YOU DON'T SAY! WHY THE LITTLE HALF-PINT!!

I'M A GHOST!! NOW HURRY UP AND FIND OUT WHO BELONGS TO THIS NUMBER!



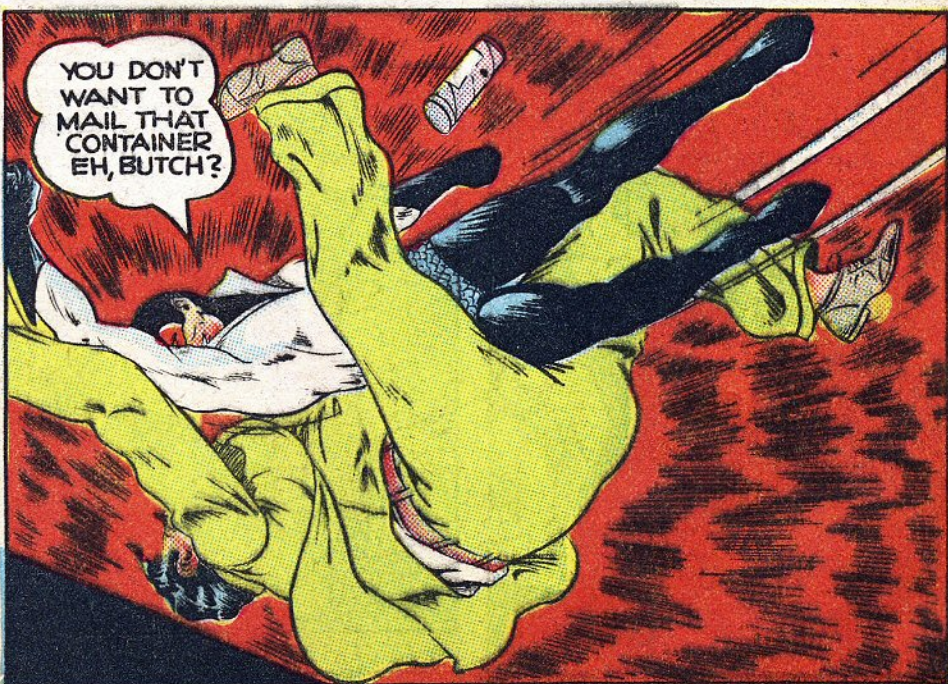
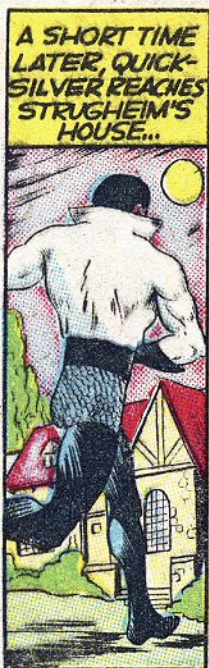
HERE IT IS, M-MISTER G-GHOST!

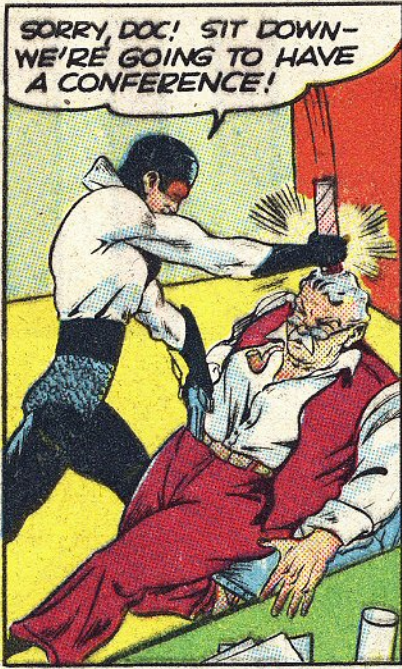
DR. HENRY STRUGHEIM !? WAIT A MINUTE.. THAT HALF PINT WOULD DROWN IN THE SUIT I GOT THIS NUMBER FROM!



A FEW MINUTES LATER.....







JACK *And* JILL

By
Lowell Riggs



CRIME AND THE MEN WHO BREED AND FOSTER IT, PROVIDE JACK AND JILL DOE WITH A THRILL-PACKED HOBBY, FOR THE YOUNG PRIVATE DETECTIVES ARE EVER ON THE WAR-PATH AGAINST LAWLESSNESS.

A GIRL STRIDES ANGRILY INTO JACK AND JILL'S OFFICE.

IF YOU TWO DETECTIVES ARE AS GOOD AS YOU'RE CRACKED UP TO BE, YOU'RE GOING TO EARN SOME MONEY!

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND, MISS? WE AIM TO PLEASE?

I HOPE YOUR AIM IS GOOD. HERE'S MY STORY!

I WAS FLEECEED OUT OF \$500 BY AN AGENT NAMED HARRY HARPER, WHO CLAIMED HE'D GET ME IN THE MOVIES.. HE SKIPPED TOWN AND I WANT YOU TO GET THE RAT!

IT'S NOT THE MONEY THAT BOTHERS ME.. I'M ROBERTA VAN GUARDE AND I'LL PAY YOU A THOUSAND DOLLARS IF YOU'LL CATCH UP WITH THAT MAN HARPER!

IT'S A DEAL.

WHEN THE GIRL LEAVES, JILL TURNS ON JACK.



JILL GOES TO THE ADVERTISING OFFICE OF THE EVENING BLADE

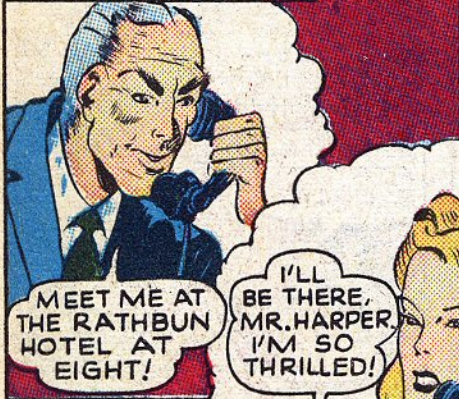
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HARRY HARPER, THE PHONY AGENT, READS JILL'S AD.



HE PHONES JILL . .



HARPER THEN GETS DOWN TO BRASS TACKS.

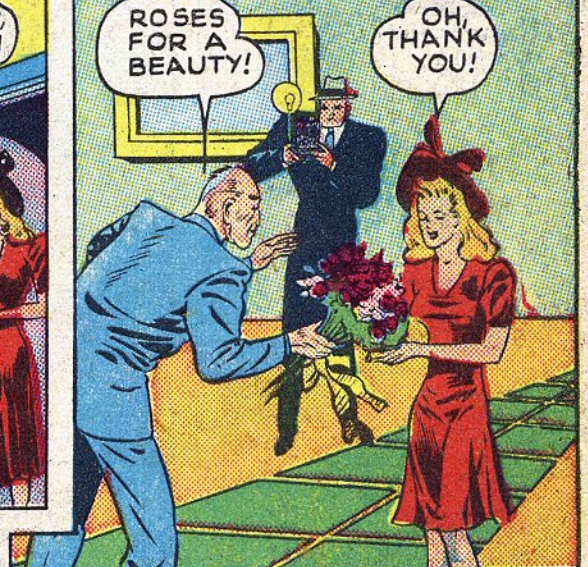
ER.. MY FEE WHICH WILL GUARANTEE YOU A SCREEN TEST IS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS .. COULD YOU.. ER.. THAT IS..



SHE LEAVES FOR THE APPOINTMENT. . .



JILL REACHES HARPER'S ROOM. HE HANDS HER A HUGE BOUQUET AS A PHOTOGRAPHER SNAPS THE SCENE.



JILL WRITES A CHECK FOR THE AMOUNT AND HANDS IT OVER.

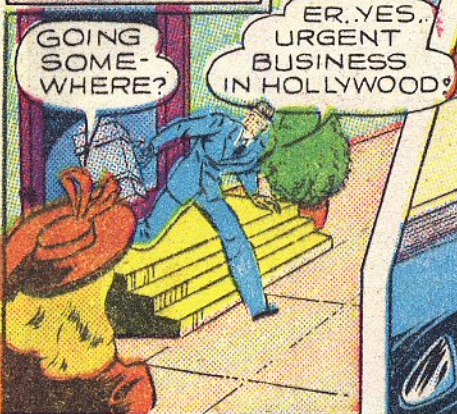
THANKS. HERES A NOTE WHICH WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO THE FAMOUS PRODUCER, FRED WILSON!



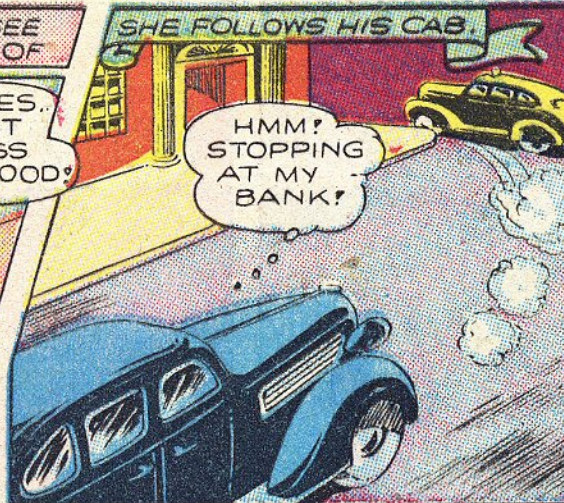
JILL CALLS MR. WILSON FROM THE LOBBY.



JILL IS JUST IN TIME TO SEE HARPER RUSHING OUT OF THE ELEVATOR.



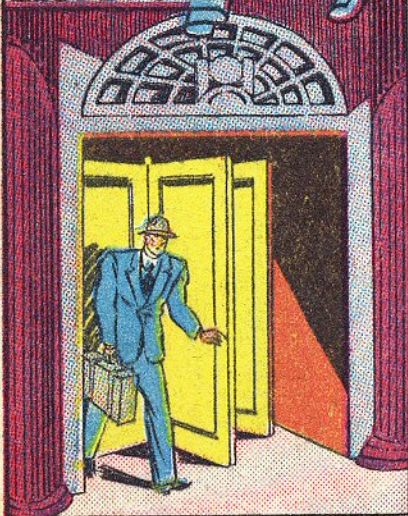
SHE FOLLOWS HIS CAB.



HARPER CASHES JILL'S CHECK.



HE SNEAKS OUTSIDE BY A SIDE DOOR AND ELUDES JILL.



BUT HARPER RUNS STRAIGHT INTO JACK AND HIS ATTRACTIVE CLIENT, ROBERTA VAN GUARDE.



HE DUCKS INTO A POOL HALL WITH JACK AND ROBERTA IN HOT PURSUIT.



HARPER BARKS AN ORDER TO HIS PAL AS JACK AND ROBERTA RUSH IN.



SPIKE CHARGES AT JACK BUT ROBERTA DEFTLY TRIPS HIM.



MEANWHILE JILL HAS RUSHED OUT OF THE BANK AND SEES NO SIGN OF HARPER.





ROBERTA VAN GUARDE IS TOSSED UNCEREMONIOUSLY DOWN THE CELLAR STAIRS.



ROBERTA APPEARS AND EXPLAINS.

HIS STORY'S QUITE TRUE, OFFICER! I'M ONLY ONE OF THE MANY GIRLS HARPER HOODWINKED.



HARPER DRAWS A GUN AS JACK RUSHES HIM.



DRAWN BY THE COMMOTION, THE POLICE ARRIVE TO FIND JACK SEARCHING THE POCKETS OF THE PROSTRATE 'THEATRICAL AGENT!'



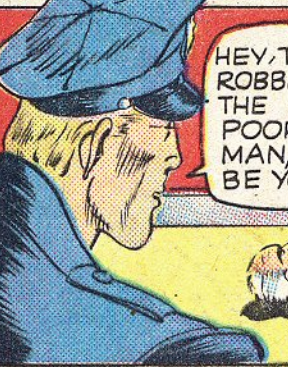
MY MISTAKE. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS JACK DOE!



JACK RETURNS JILL'S AND ROBERTA'S MONEY.



JUST THEN JILL DASHES IN.



HEY, THERE! ROBBIN' THE POOR MAN, BE YOU?



A HEEL FOR A HEEL!



HMM! I'LL SPEAK TO YOU LATER, JACK... ALONE!!



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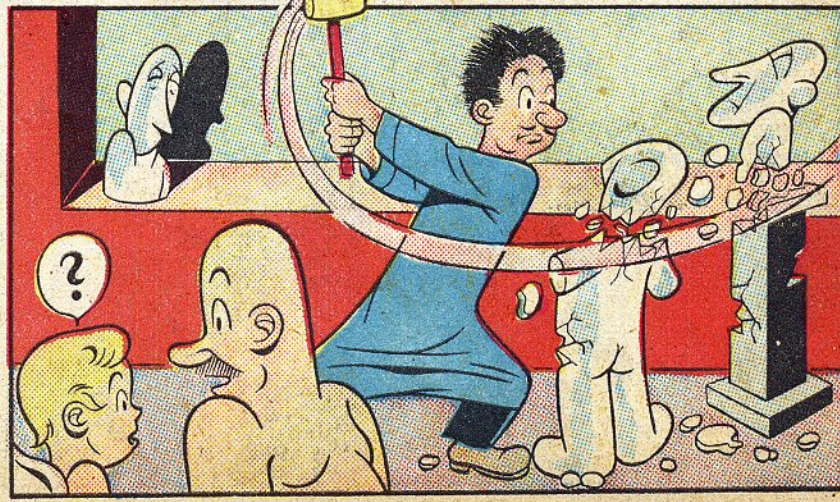
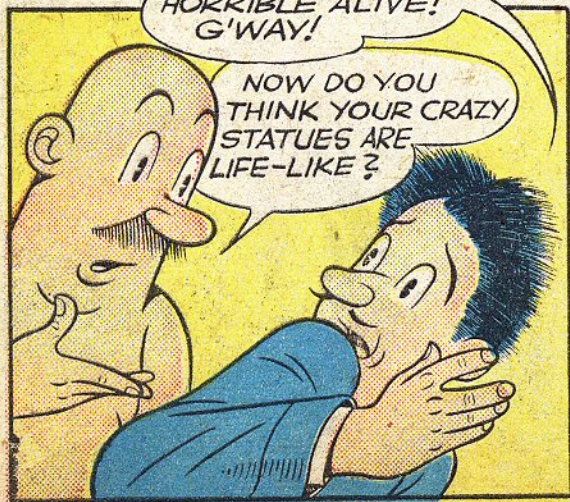
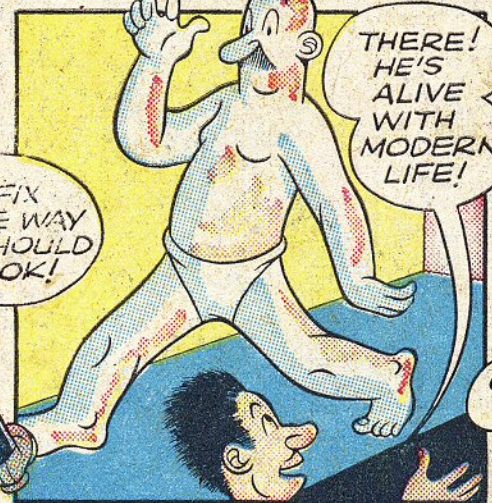
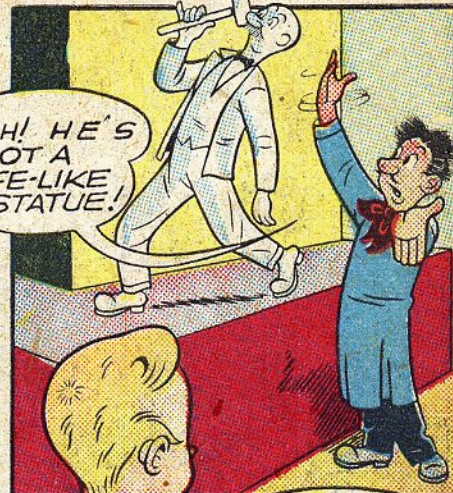
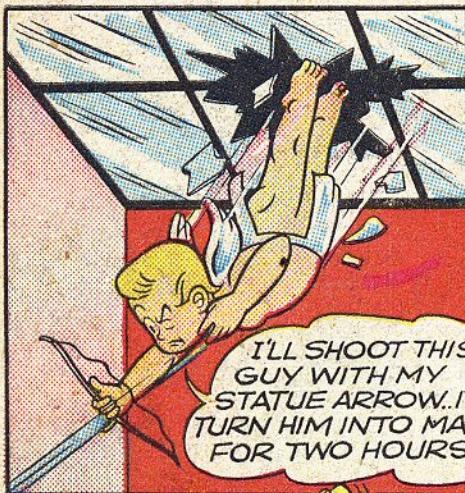
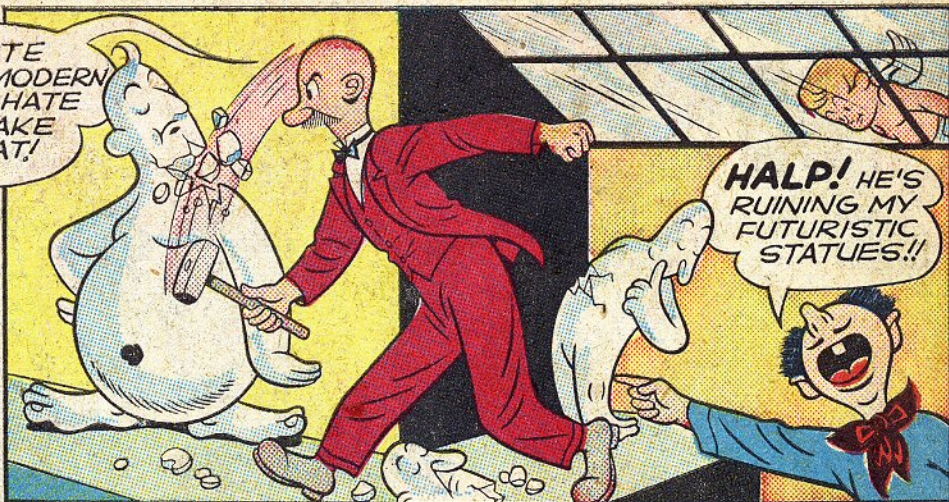
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by GILL FOX

HE AIN'T STUPID!

LET'S LOOK INTO THE STUDIO OF A SCREWY SCULPTOR

I HATE THIS MODERN ART! I HATE IT! TAKE THAT!



Prop

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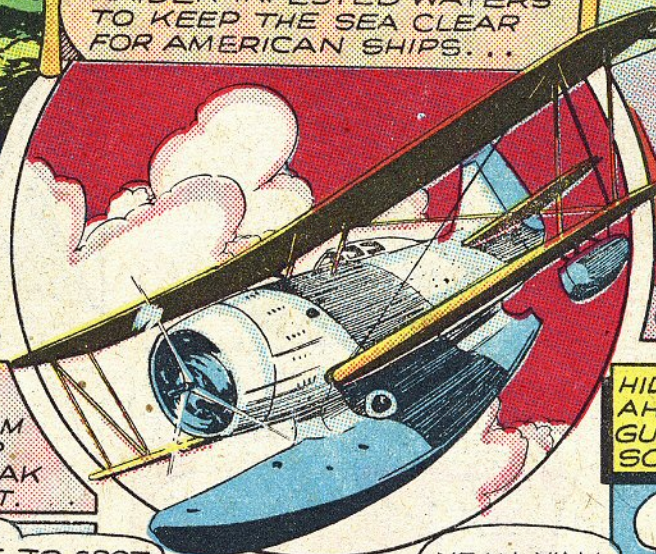
POWERS



ACE TROUBLE-SHOOTER OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD, PROP POWERS WITH HIS HILLBILLY CO-PILOT LANK, ZOOM OVER RAIDER-INFESTED WATERS TO KEEP THE SEA CLEAR FOR AMERICAN SHIPS...



SKIMMING THROUGH THICK FOG, PROP AND LANK HEAD BACK FROM PATROL TO THEIR AIR STATION ON THE BLEAK NEW ENGLAND COAST.



HIDDEN BEHIND THE GREY FOG AHEAD LIES A Q-BOAT, DISGUISED AS A FISHING SCHOONER.



NO CHANCE TO SPOT A BOAT IN THIS WEATHER, PROP?

YOU SAID IT? THE ONLY WAY WE'LL FIND ONE IS BY CRASHING INTO ONE'S CONNING TOWER!

YEAH..YALL BETTER PULL UP THE SHIP SOME?



PATROL PLANE COMING! HEAR IT?



JA? MAN THE GUNS. QUICK!

THE GRIM SKIPPER AND HIS CORPSE-FACED HELMSMAN ARE FROZEN AT ATTENTION



SUDDENLY THE CAPTAIN WHIRLS, HIS CRUEL EYES RAKING THE MURKY SKY.

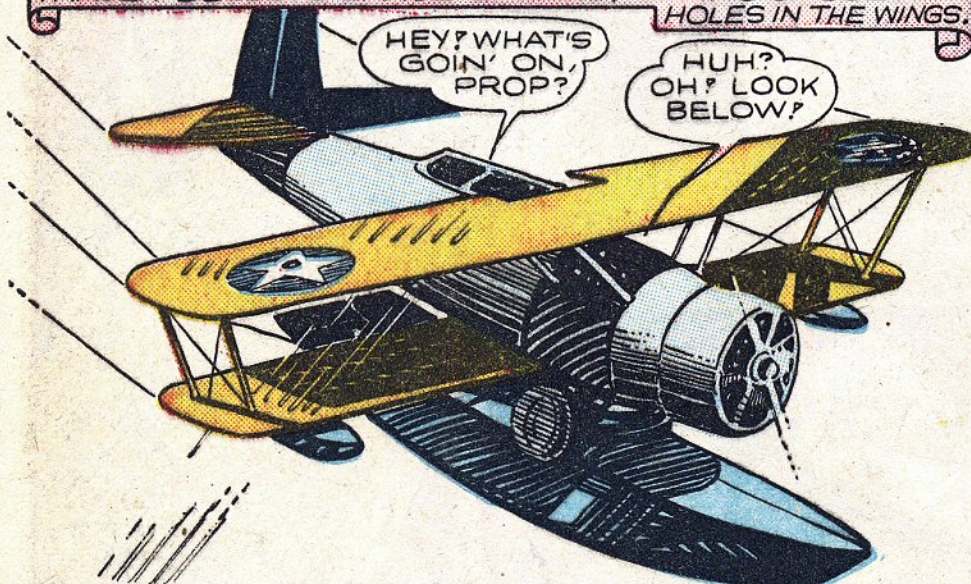
ALL HANDS ON DECK? WE'RE GOING TO BE ATTACKED BY THAT PLANE!



AT THE STERN COMMAND, DUMMY HATCHES SPRING OPEN, REVEALING POWER OPERATED MACHINE GUNS



PROP AND LANK ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR DANGER UNTIL TRACER BULLETS LANCE UPWARD, RIPPING JAGGED HOLES IN THE WINGS.



A SECOND LATER, THEY ARE SAFELY OUT OF RANGE.



AMAZED BY THEIR EXPERIENCE, THE COAST GUARD FLIERS REACH THEIR AIR PATROL STATION.



IMMEDIATELY PROP TELLS HIS COMMANDER ABOUT THE ATTACK.



WE JUST PICKED UP AN "S.O.S." FROM A FREIGHTER EN ROUTE TO ICELAND. TORPEDO HIT HER STERN AND SHE'S SINKING. YOU MUST HAVE FLOWN NEAR THE SPOT!



WHEN THE FOG LIFTS, PROP POWERS HASTENS TO THE HANGARS AND STOPS A MECHANIC.



BUT I GOT A HURRY CALL FROM THE LIFE SAVING STATION?

FORGET IT? GAS UP MY PATROL PLANE, QUICK.

PROP RETURNS WITH LANK AND THEY THUNDER SKYWARD..



AH HOPE WE KIN PICK UP THE WAKE OF THAT U-BOAT?

WE'LL HAVE TO GO BEYOND OUR REGULAR PATROL, LANK.

AN HOUR FLASHES BY BEFORE THEY ZOOM OVER THE TWIN BEACONS OFF BARNACLE SHOALS.



LIFEBOAT BELOW WITH SURVIVORS.



COAST GUARD PATROL? WE CAN SEND THEM AFTER THAT RAIDER. TAKE THE FLAGS, WEBB?

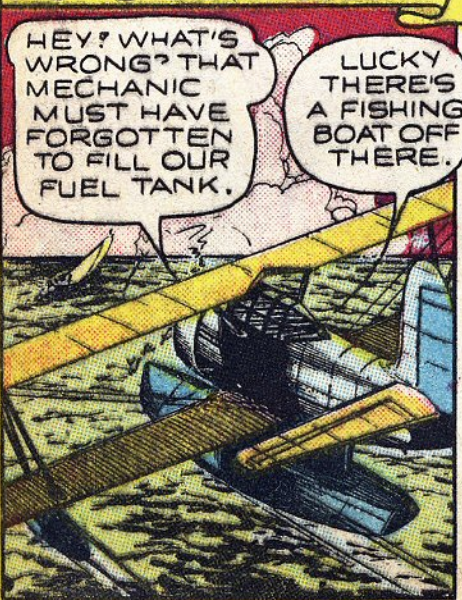


THEY'RE CIRCLING.. I'LL SEMAPHORE THE Q-BOAT'S APPROXIMATE POSITION.



DID YOU GET THAT LANK? THEY WANT US TO HEAD NOR-EAST AND CATCH THE RAIDER. WITH PLEASURE?

PROP DRIVES HIS SHIP AT TOP SPEED UNTIL THE ENGINE SPUTTERS OMINOUSLY.



HEY? WHAT'S WRONG? THAT MECHANIC MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN TO FILL OUR FUEL TANK.

LUCKY THERE'S A FISHING BOAT OFF THERE.



THE PATROL PLANE GLIDES DOWN WITHIN RANGE OF THE Q-BOAT'S GUNS.

THAT COAST GUARD SHIP AGAIN? HEAVE TO AND FIRE!

AS THE FLIERS CRAWL OUT TO SIGNAL WHAT THEY THOUGHT WAS A FISHING BOAT, BULLETS WHISTLE BY THEIR HEADS.

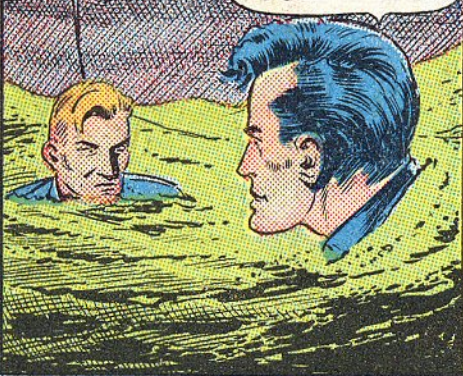


OVERBOARD, QUICK!

IN A FLASH PROP AND LANK ARE UP TO THEIR NECKS.

CREEPIN' CATFISH? WHAT GOES ON?

WE MADE TWO MISTAKES, LANK. THAT CRAFT IS NO FISHING BOAT.. IT'S THE RAIDER WE THOUGHT WAS A SUBMARINE!



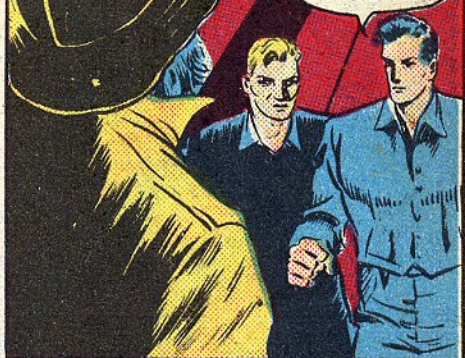
TRACER BULLETS CAUSE THE VAPOR LEFT IN THEIR EMPTY FUEL TANK TO EXPLODE.



SO THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BECOME CAPTIVES ABOARD THE Q-BOAT.

STUPID YOUNG FOOLS! DID YOU THINK YOU COULD OUTWIT US?

BAH! YOU'VE NOTHIN' BUT A CREW OF SNEAKING RATS!



SNARLING, THE CAPTAIN SHOUTS FOR HIS GUARDS.

LOCK UP THESE AMERICANS? THERE'S ANOTHER SHIP HEADING TOWARD US.



SILENT AS A GHOST, THE Q-BOAT SLIPS INTO A FOG BANK TO LIE IN WAIT FOR NEW PREY.



MEANWHILE PROP AND LANK ARE FORCED INTO THE BRIG.

DON'T START ANY TROUBLE, YOU TWO, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE FED TO THE FISH!



BUT THE INSTANT THEIR CAPTOR STARTS TO LOCK THEM IN, THEY THROW THEIR WEIGHT AGAINST THE PANEL.

WILL HE BE SURPRISED?

HIT IT HARD, LANK!



WITH A LOUD THUD, THE DOOR SMASHES OPEN AGAINST THEIR JAILER.

HERE WE COME!

UGH!





THAT'S RIGHT, LANK. LOCK HIM UP AND FOLLOW ME TO THE TORPEDO ROOM?

TORPEDO TUBES ON THIS HEAH SHIP? WHY O' COURSE? SHO'NUFF?



PROP CLEARS THE WAY WITH JAW-BREAKING BLOWS

AS LANK RUSHES INSIDE THE FORWARD HOLD, PROP WHIRLS ABOUT AND SPINS THE WHEEL TO LOCK THE WATER-TIGHT HATCH.



THIS'LL KEEP THE OTHERS OUT WHILE I FIRE THE TORPEDOES. HOP TO THAT RADIO, LANK?

THE HILLBILLY FLASHES A FAST WARNING TO THE APPROACHING SHIP.



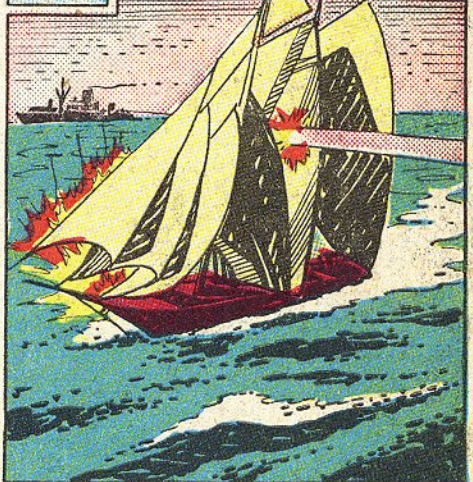
I CONTACTED THEM, PROP, BUT THEY THINK WE'RE NOT ABOARD..Y'ALL KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.

ON BOARD THE AMERICAN SHIP, THE CAPTAIN BARKS A CURT ORDER.

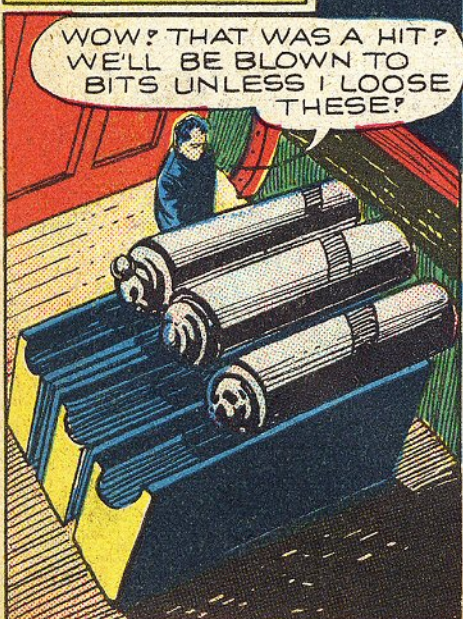


MAN THE FORWARD GUN! THAT SCHOONER IS A Q-BOAT?

A THREE-INCH DECK GUN ON THE FREIGHTER'S BOW THROWS A SHELL INTO THE Q-BOAT'S HULL

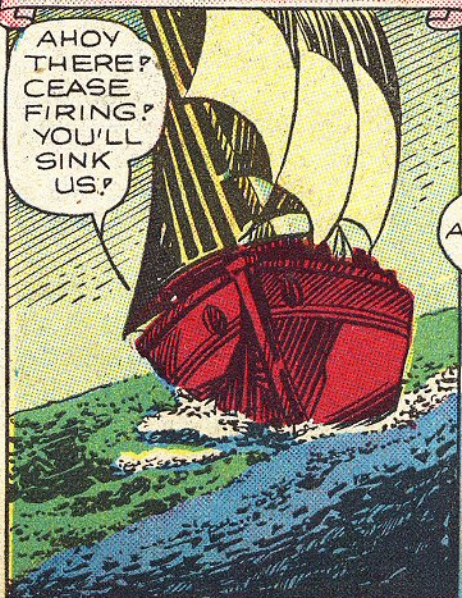


PROP HASTILY SETS THE TORPEDO VALVES.



WOW? THAT WAS A HIT? WE'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS UNLESS I LOOSE THESE?

BUT AS THE TORPEDOES SWISH HARMLESSLY AWAY THE Q-BOAT'S SKIPPER SURRENDERS.



AHOY THERE? CEASE FIRING? YOU'LL SINK US?

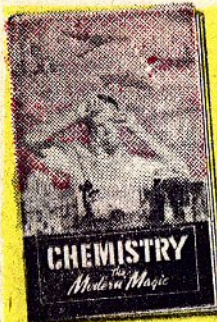
HOURS LATER, THE FREIGHTER LEAVES PROP, LANK AND THE CAPTIVE Q-BOAT CREW AT THE COAST GUARD STATION.



WE'VE GOT ONE MORE DUTY TO PERFORM, LANK. FIND THAT MECHANIC WHO FORGOT TO REFUEL OUR PLANE.

YEAH. HE DESERVES A GOOD DUNKING IN THE BAY?

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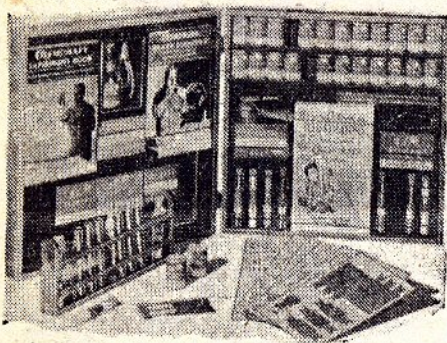
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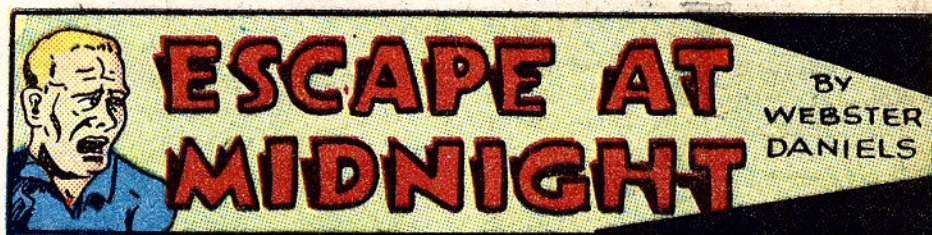
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The incessant wail of fog horns echoes through the grim corridors of Alcatraz Federal Prison on the bleak, rocky island in San Francisco Bay. America's worst public enemies tossed on their hard cots and cringed at the passing shadows of the alert guards. There was a bitter chill in the air and the convicts put from their minds the story that has been passed around about the newcomer.

For such was the habit among convicts on nights when the thick fog rolled in from the Pacific. All their brooding schemes were swept away by the heavy grey mist and to a man their brains revolved around one matter alone. That matter was their unanimous hatred of the wave-washed walls where they were destined to spend the rest of their natural lives.

But the newcomer who had been the object of their curiosity was not a man to waste time brooding over his fate. As Jim Moran, ace of confidence men, he had earned a notorious reputation as a keen and sane if not honest thinker.

With only a week behind the bars Jim Moran was already confident that his escape plans were perfect. Tonight, with the blanket of fog and the screaming notes of passing ships, was as good as a night could be.

Jim's deft fingers had easily slipped the cartridge from a guard's belt, and now he was fitting this thirty-eight special shell in the space below the electrically controlled bolt which locked his cell door.

Moran was wearing only one heavy prison boot. The other he held in his hand, examining the large nails in the heel. "This will do the trick like nobody's business," he thought slyly.

A quick flick of Moran's wrist brought the edge of the heel down on the cartridge's cap. This brought a sharp, loud roar which was soon followed by the rapid pounding of foot-

steps. Guards streamed past Moran's cell. The confidence man watched them from his hard cot, and when one of them stopped at his cell door, he raised himself wearily on an elbow and whined, "What's all the racket about?"

The guard muttered something under his breath, then a moment later Jim Moran heard the voice of the head turnkey shout: "All clear. It was just a short-circuit in the fuse box."

An hour later, when the guards were on regular patrol, Jim Moran threw a blanket over his head and pushed slowly through his cell door. Pieces of the broken lock tinkled on the cement floor. He kicked them aside and fleet as a shadow made his way to the end of the corridor. There he waited by a stainless steel door until it was opened by the new guard who came on at midnight. Before the guard knew what was happening, Jim Moran had bowled him off his feet and had a grip on the man's throat which choked off any outcry.

A moment later Gentle Jim, as he was sometimes called, tapped the guard's skull with the butt of the man's revolver. Nimble he changed clothes with the guard and rolling the fellow into a corner where he wouldn't be noticed from the peep hole at the main door, Moran quickly made his way into the blacked-out mess hall.

There was a sheet metal ventilator in the ceiling fifteen feet above the floor. To most convicts this would have presented an insurmountable difficulty. But Jim Moran cleverly placed two benches on end atop one of the long tables, scrambled gingerly up and with the split-second before the benches clattered down, he made a nimble leap and caught hold of the open vent. Hanging on with his left hand, he pried the thin metal loose and crawled out onto the flat roof.

"So far, so good!" Moran chuckled

as he wriggled along on his belly. At the edge he stopped to watch the guards with their automatic rifles held in readiness as they paced to and fro across the outer wall. Large floodlights melted the fog along the walls, but Jim Moran wasn't afraid of the lights. He dropped from the mess hall roof and ran through the shadows in the yard to a small door which led to the guard tower at the north end of the wall. No one would ever think of trying to escape by coming as close as possible to the guards. That is, no one but Jim Moran.

The door opened on stairs which led to the tower, and Moran mounted the steps without an instant's hesitation. He sprang upon the guard in the wall tower before the man could turn on his stool. Then Jim Moran's strong fingers had a death grip on the fellow's throat. He held on until the guard's face turned blue. Then he slipped out onto the wall when the guard on wall duty had his back to him.

Then, Jim Moran did another strange thing. Instead of jumping off the wall to the sea-washed rocks below, he made a fifteen yard dash across the wall. When the guard started to

turn, Jim Moran used the momentum of his dash in a reckless leap for the sea.

Missing the jagged rocks by scant inches, Jim Moran hit the water with a clean dive. His body came to the surface quickly.

Suddenly Jim Moran's face turned white. His arms and legs floundered helplessly. All his plans had worked out perfectly. He had escaped from the world's best-guarded prison, the great hulk of stone and steel from which no man had ever escaped alive.

Jim Moran tried to scream for help as tracer bullets drilled the frothing water around him, but the water poured into his mouth to halt the attempt.

Jim Moran had forgotten one vital point when he had made his plans. When the guards fished his bullet-ridden body ashore, one of them muttered: "What happened to this guy? Why didn't he swim out a few strokes where the fog would have covered him?"

Another guard replied: "I kept shooting at him. He didn't take a single stroke. I don't think Moran knew how to swim!"

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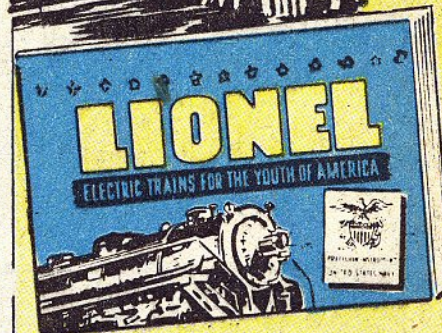
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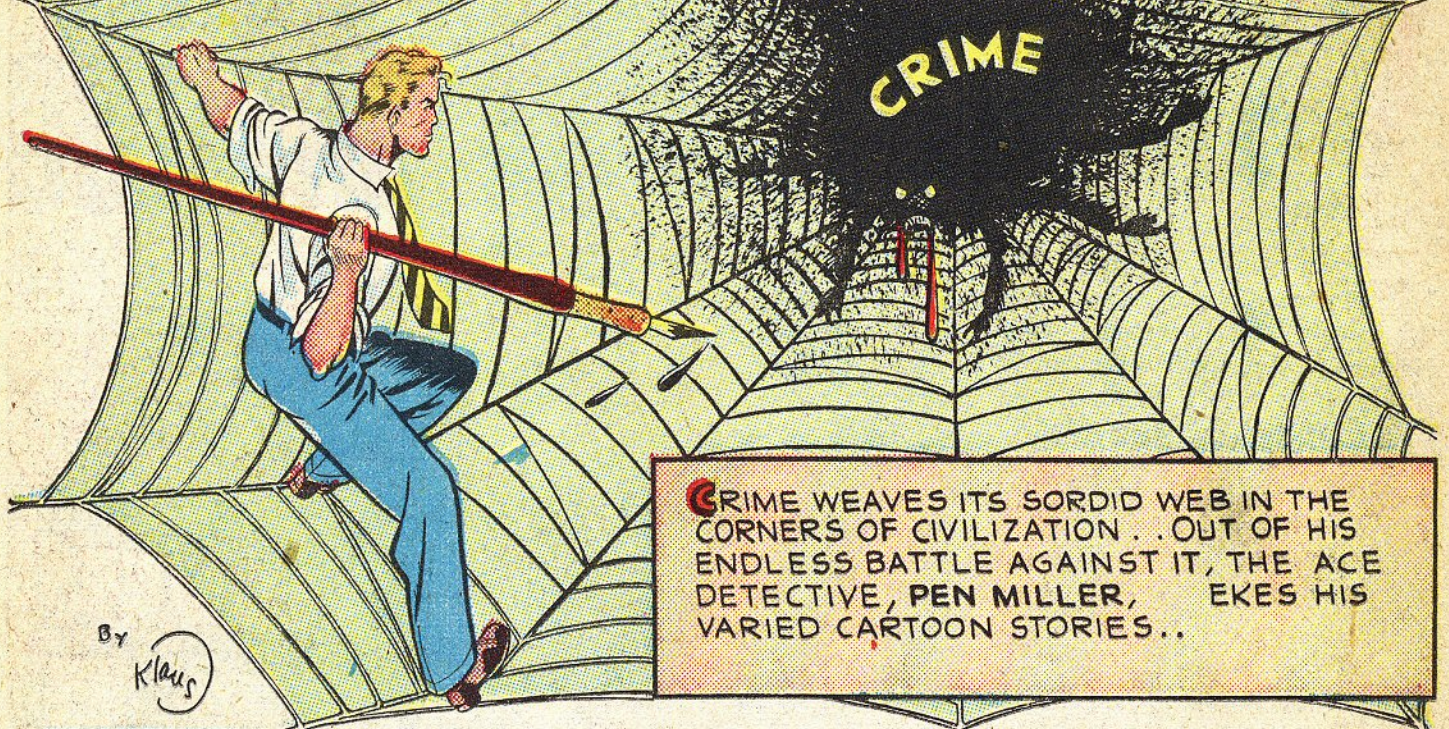
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Klaus

CRIME WEAVES ITS SORDID WEB IN THE CORNERS OF CIVILIZATION... OUT OF HIS ENDLESS BATTLE AGAINST IT, THE ACE DETECTIVE, PEN MILLER, EKEs HIS VARIED CARTOON STORIES..

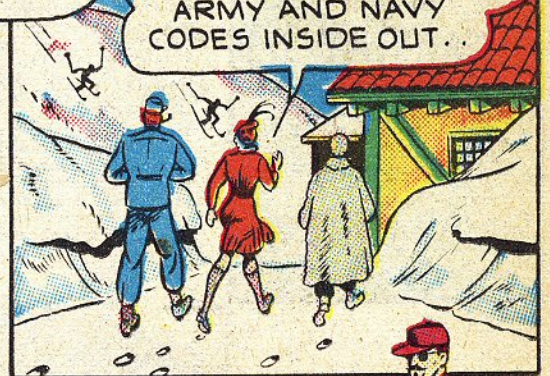
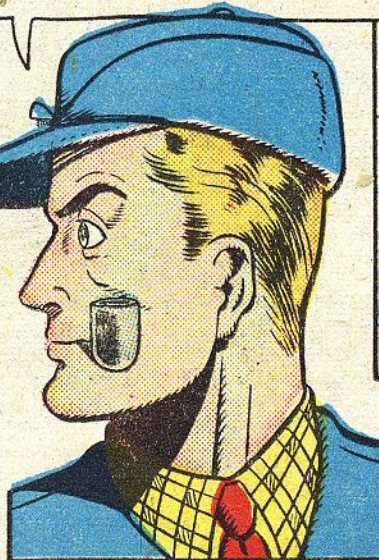
SKI VALLEY... WHERE THE GREAT, NEAR-GREAT AND NOT-SO-GREAT FOREGATHER IN THE PURSUIT OF WINTER SPORT...

THERE ONE DAY, A FRIGHTENED GIRL CONFRONTS PEN...

ENOCH SEIFER?... THE WELL KNOWN CODE EXPERT, ISN'T HE?

YES, HE'S THE ONE MAN WHO KNOWS THE SECRET ARMY AND NAVY CODES INSIDE OUT...

MY FATHER HAS VANISHED! HE'S ENOCH SEIFER... PERHAPS YOU'VE HEARD OF ---

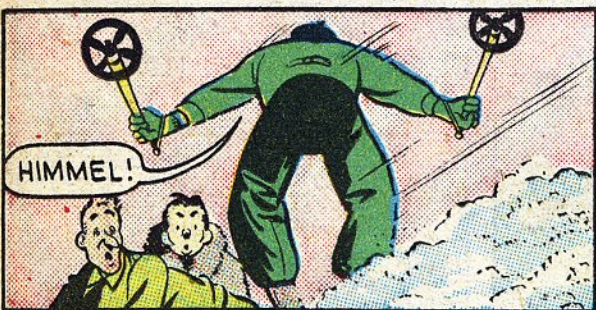
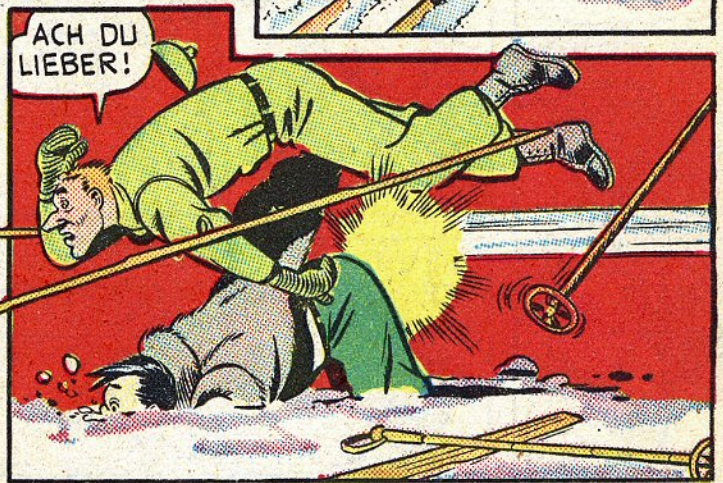
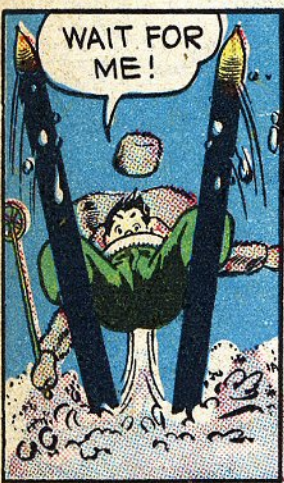


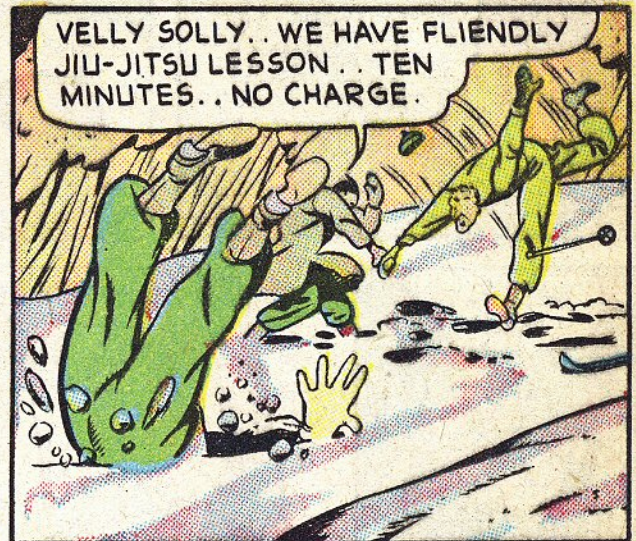
SOMEONE IS AFTER THE CODES, NO DOUBT!... MAY I BORROW YOUR FATHER'S CLOTHES, MISS SEIFER?



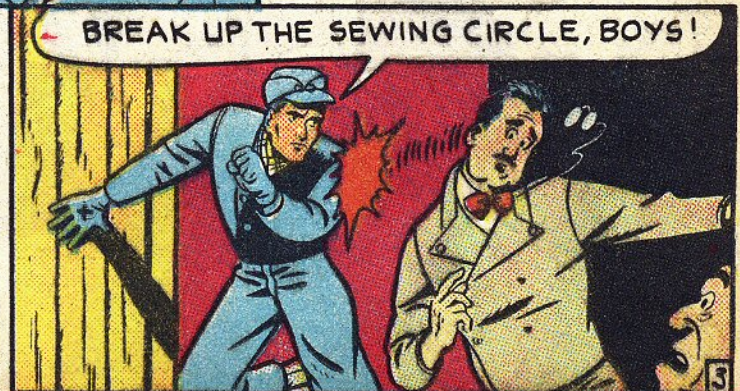
I'M GOING TO IMPERSONATE HIM, MISS. ONE OF HIS ASSAILANTS IS BOUND TO SPOT ME.

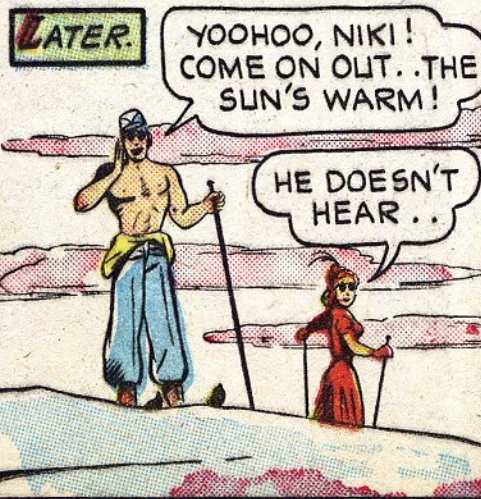
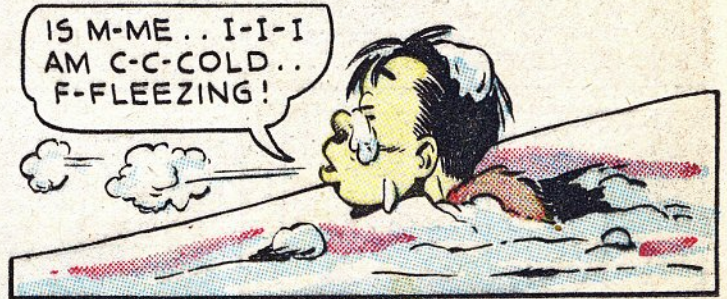
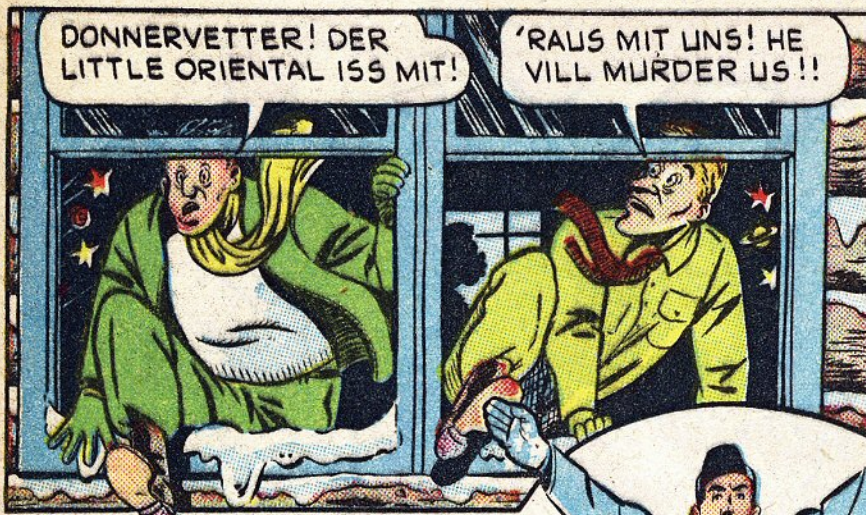


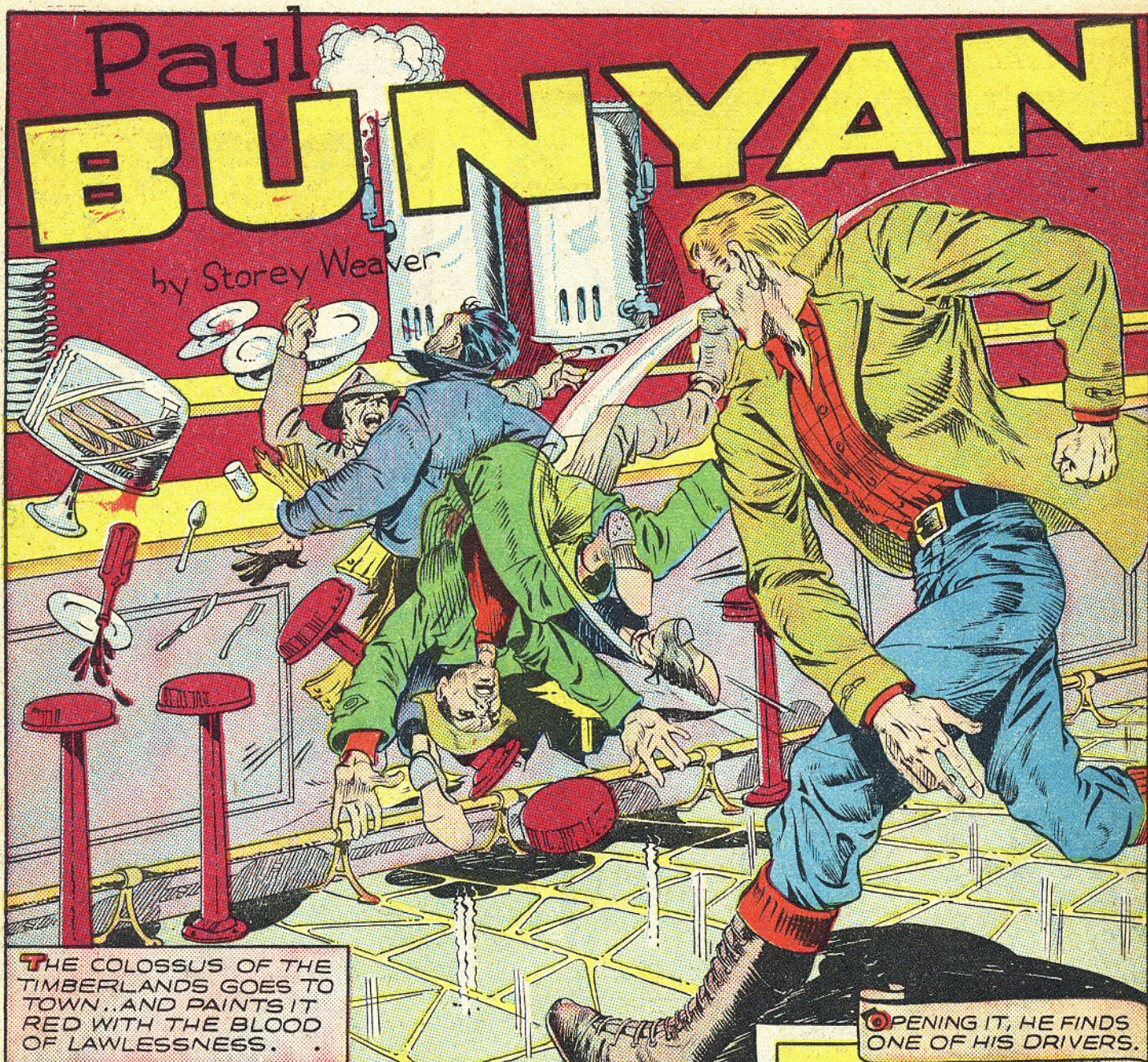




THE LITTLE ORIENTAL "KEEPS THEM OCCUPIED" FOR SOME TIME.







THE COLOSSUS OF THE
TIMBERLANDS GOES TO
TOWN...AND PAINTS IT
RED WITH THE BLOOD
OF LAWLESSNESS.

OPENING IT, HE FINDS
ONE OF HIS DRIVERS.

PAUL PAYS OFF
HIS DRIVERS
FOR THE
SEASON'S
WORK.

GO ON TO
TOWN,
BOYS...
HAVE A
GOOD
TIME?

BUT TOWARD
MORNING, PAUL IS AWAKENED
BY A LOUD RAPPING ON HIS
DOOR.

EH? PETE?
WHAT'S THE
MATTER?

I'VE BEEN
ROBBED, BOSS.
AN' ALL THE
OTHERS TOO,
DOWN AT
CRIS'S DOG
WAGON?

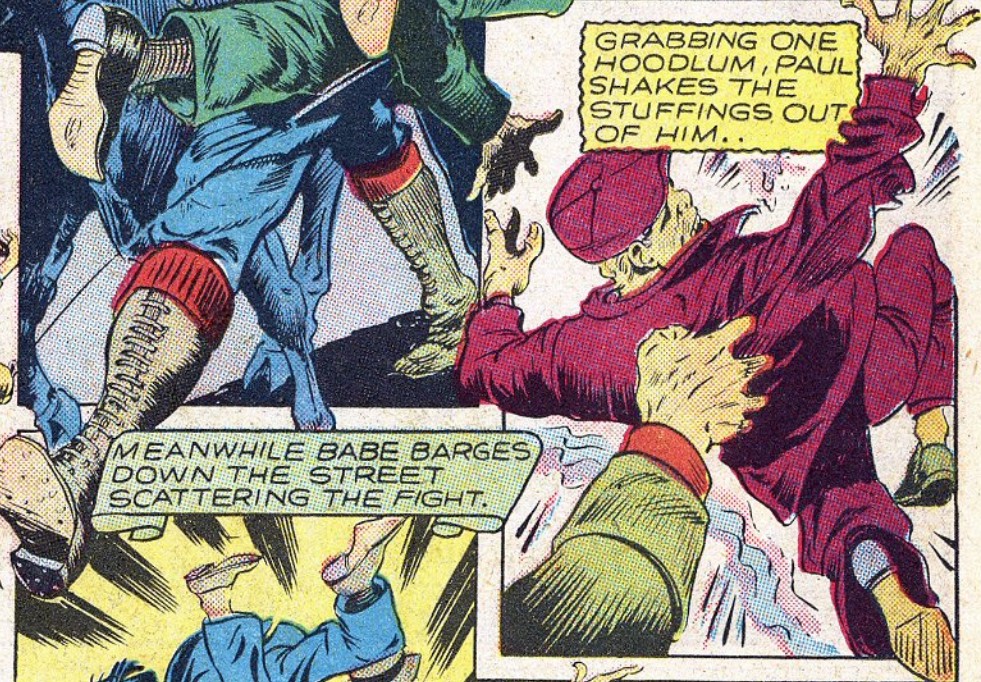
FURIOUSLY PAUL STRIDES TO TOWN, UPROOTING TREES, TOSSING ALL OBSTACLES ASIDE IN HIS ANGER.. BABE, HIS BLUE OX SNORTS ALONGSIDE.



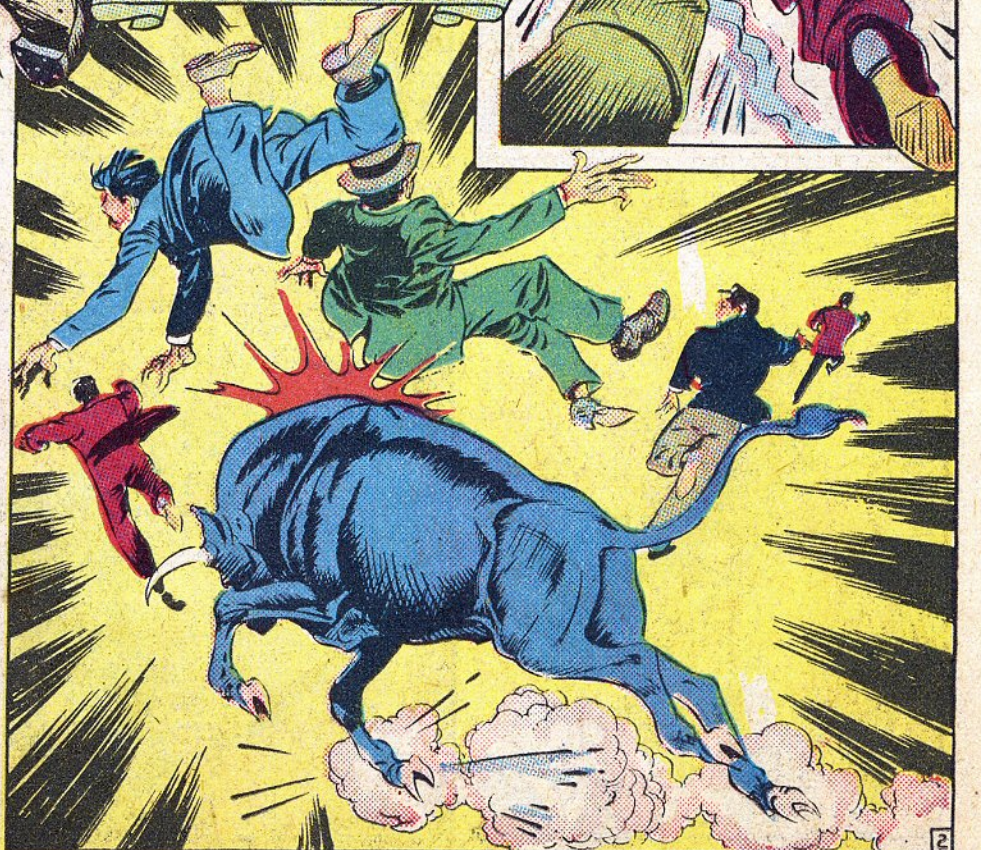
IN TOWN, A BLOODY BRAWL OVERFLOWS FROM CRIS'S DINER TO MAIN STREET.. PAUL WADES IN LIKE A ONE-MAN ARMY.



GRABBING ONE HOODLUM, PAUL SHAKES THE STUFFINGS OUT OF HIM..



MEANWHILE BABE BARGES DOWN THE STREET SCATTERING THE FIGHT.

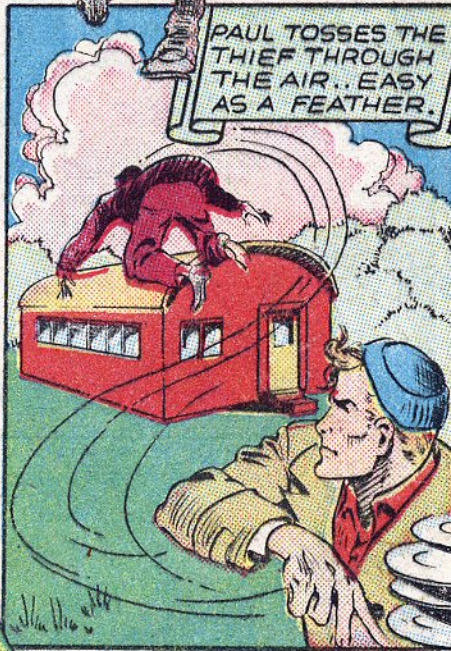
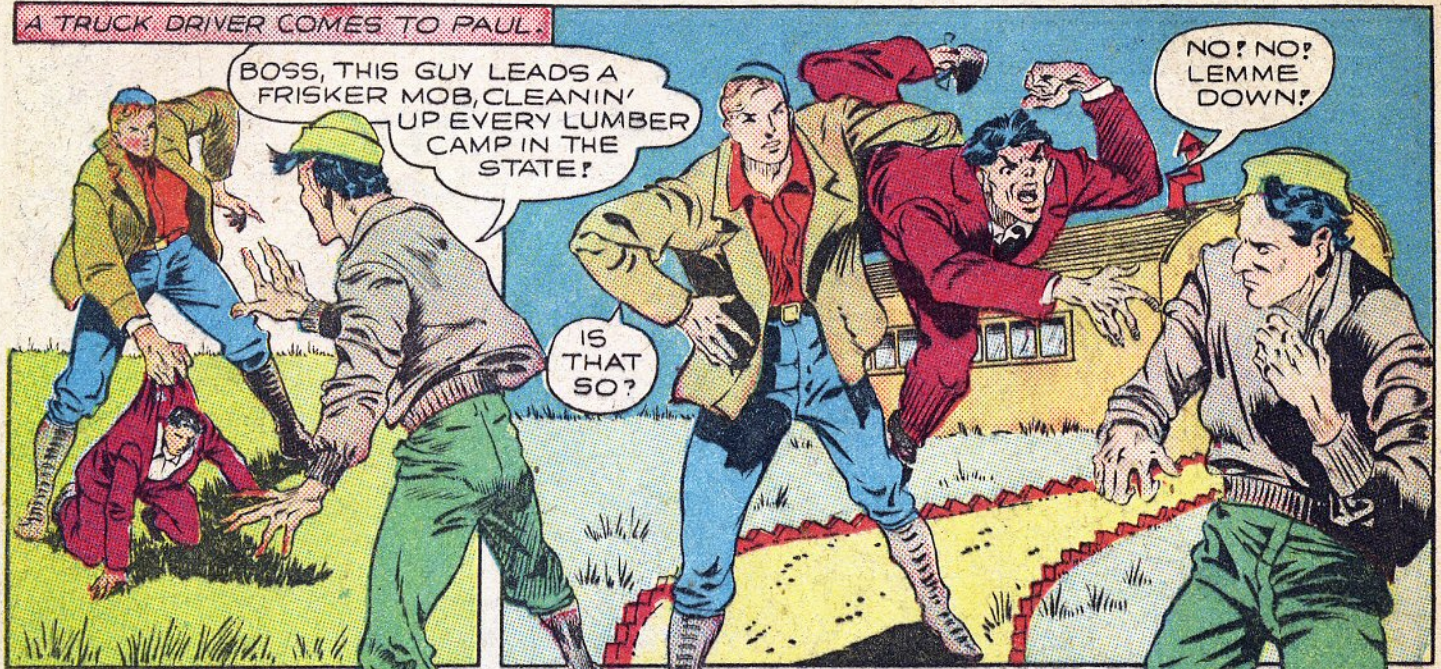


WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?? TALK, MAN, OR...

I AIN'T SAYIN' NOTHIN'.



A TRUCK DRIVER COMES TO PAUL.



SUDDENLY A REVOLVER MUZZLE IS POKED INTO PAUL'S BACK.



BUT BABE SEES THE ACTION AND CHARGES.



GORING THE GUNMAN INTO A SLIMY DITCH.

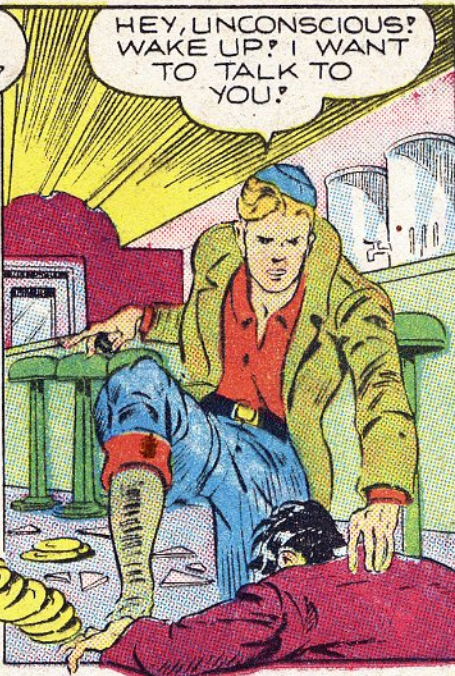


BY NOW THE FIGHT IS WELL UNDER CONTROL. PAUL LEAVES HIS DRIVERS TO FINISH IT.



I'M GOING TO INVAD... THAT DINER?

HEY, UNCONSCIOUS? WAKE UP! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!



I'M UP.. S-STOP? OPEN THE ICE BOX AN' GET WHAT'S INSIDE?



PAUL OPENS THE HUGE BOX.. OUT TUMBLES CRIS, THE DINER OWNER, HALFFROZEN TO DEATH.



BABE STANDS READY TO CATCH THE CROOK THAT PAUL HURLS OUT.



P-PAUL.. HE DID IT.. STOWED ME IN MY ICE BOX AN' SHOOK DOWN MY CUSTOMERS?

THAT'S ALL I WANT TO KNOW, CRIS!



WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, YOU'RE GOING TO BE OUR GUESTS.. IN COUNTY JAIL?

AWK?



AND SOON THE COUNTY JAIL IS CLUTTERED WITH PAUL'S LATEST CONTRIBUTIONS.

WE'RE STUCK NOW!

I'D LIKE TO BRAIN THAT BOZO!

..JUST TRY IT.. BAH!



FROM NOW ON THOSE RATS KNOW BETTER THAN TO TANGLE WITH ME..OR MY DRIVERS.. OR ANYBODY ELSE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE LAW!



ANOTHER PAUL BUNYAN ADVENTURE NEXT MONTH IN NATIONAL COMICS.

MISS WINKY

The All-American Girl

by
ARTHUR
BESSMAN

OH - WE ALWAYS
HAVE A WONDERFUL
TIME! YOU SIMPLY
MUST JOIN
US!

DON'T FORGET!
WE'LL BE
EXPECTING
YOU THIS
AFTERNOON!

OKAY -
I'LL BE
THERE!

THIS'LL CERTAINLY
BE SOMETHING
DIFFERENT
ANYWAY -

COULD YOU DIRECT
ME TO THE
SPORTING GOODS
DEPARTMENT?

OF COURSE,
WON'T YOU
STEP THIS
WAY PLEASE

SOMETHING
FOR OUTDOOR
ACTIVITY - I
PRESUME?

YES, IT'S FOR A
NEW SPORTS CLUB
I'M JOINING

NOT
THOSE -

--BUT OUR
SKI'S ARE
VERY
LOVELY!

YOU CAN HAVE
LOTS OF FUN
TOBOGGANING
OR SKATING

NOPE!

MADAME, I
DON'T KNOW
WHAT ELSE
I CAN SHOW
YOU--

THERE'S WHAT
I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR--
THAT SWIM
SUIT!

BATHING SUIT IN THIS
WEATHER? BAH! I
WONDER WHAT SHE'S
GONNA DO WITH IT?

CUT A LITTLE
MORE OF THE
ICE AWAY AND
WE'LL HAVE
A BIGGER
POOL!

ISN'T THIS
EXHILARATING,
WINK?

HI-GANG!
ANYBODY
FROZEN
YET?

POLAR
BEAR
CLUB

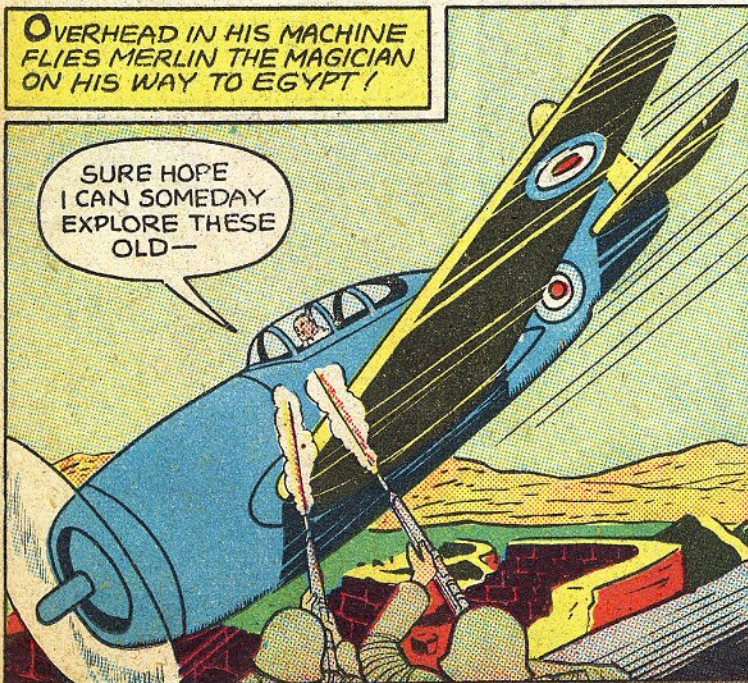
MERLIN

THE MAGICIAN



ONCE THE BATTLE-GROUNDS OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS, ROMANS, PERSIANS, BABYLONIANS, HITTITES, ASSYRIANS, AND EGYPTIANS, ...IRAQ TO-DAY SEES BRITISH, FRENCH, GERMANS, AND IRAQUIS FIGHTING FOR POSSESSION OF HER OIL FIELDS --- FROM BEHIND THE ANCIENT AND DESERTED RUINS OF NINEVEH, THREE NAZI SOLDIERS AIM AT A BRITISH AIRPLANE FLYING LOW.

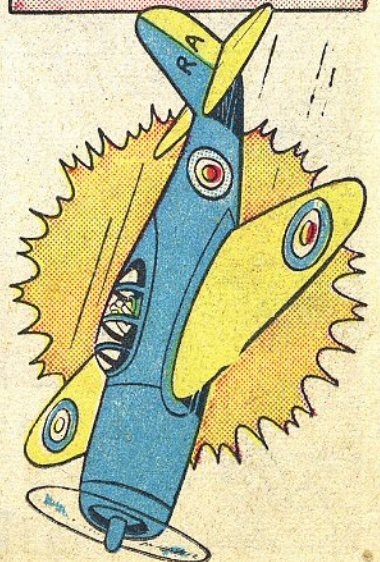
OVERHEAD IN HIS MACHINE FLIES MERLIN THE MAGICIAN ON HIS WAY TO EGYPT!



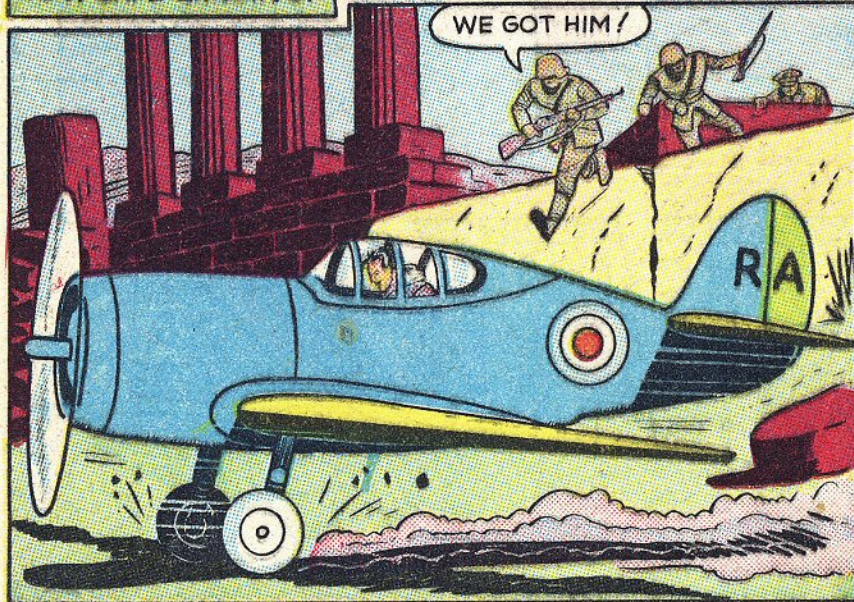
OW!



A WELL-AIMED BULLET STRIKES MERLIN AND HIS PLANE FALLS OUT OF CONTROL!



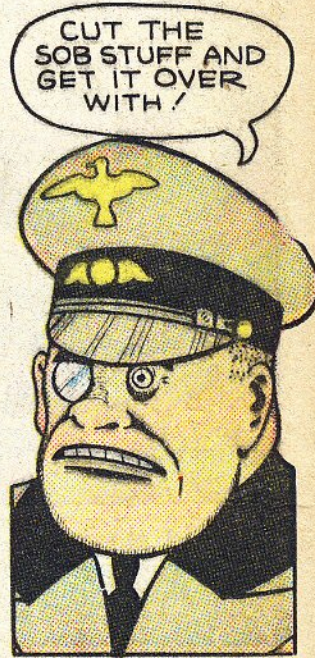
THE WOUNDED MAGICIAN MANAGES TO GUIDE HIS PLANE TO A SAFE LANDING.



AS HE LARSES INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS THE SOLDIERS SEIZE HIM.



A LITTLE LATER MERLIN "COMES TO" AND FINDS HIMSELF A PRISONER OF HIS ENEMIES!



QUICKLY A "POTATO MASHER" HAND GRENADE IS PLACED BE-SIDE THE MAGICIAN AND THE PIN PULLED!



HELPLESS AND ALONE, MERLIN STARES AT THE DEADLY BOMB AS THE SECONDS TICK AWAY!



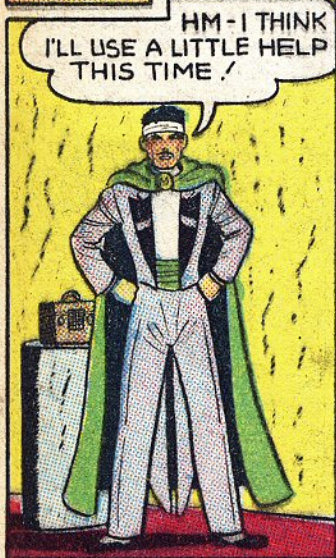
WEAKLY THE MAGICIAN MANAGES TO BLURT OUT A MAGIC SENTENCE.



INSTEAD OF EXPLODING, THE GRENADE TURNS INTO A PORTABLE RADIO PLAYING MUSIC!



INSTANTLY MERLIN STANDS FREE OF HIS BONDS!



HTAILOG, WOH TUOBA GNIPLEH EM?



AT THE MAGICIAN'S COMMAND A FIGURE SLUMBERING DEEP IN THE RUINS SUDDENLY AWAKENS!



SUDDENLY BEFORE MERLIN STANDS THE BEHEADED FIGURE OF GOLIATH, ANCIENT WARRIOR OF THE PAST!



WELL, I WAS THE LOCAL CHAMP IN MY DAY UNTIL KID DAVID CAME ALONG AND CLONKED ME WITH HIS SLINGSHOT. AS YOU CAN SEE, HE ALSO SEPARATED ME FROM MY HEAD!



OKAY - PUT IT BACK ON YOUR SHOULDERS AND HELP ME AGAINST THESE NAZIS!

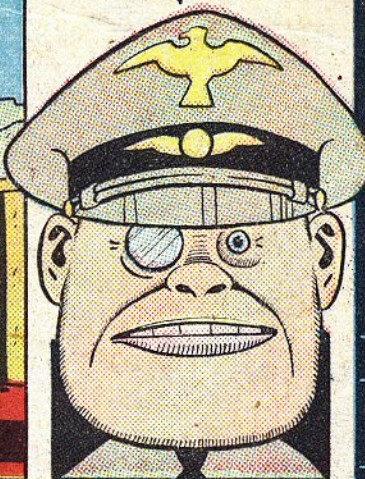


MEANWHILE, AT A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE RUINS, THE THREE SOLDIERS CONFER!

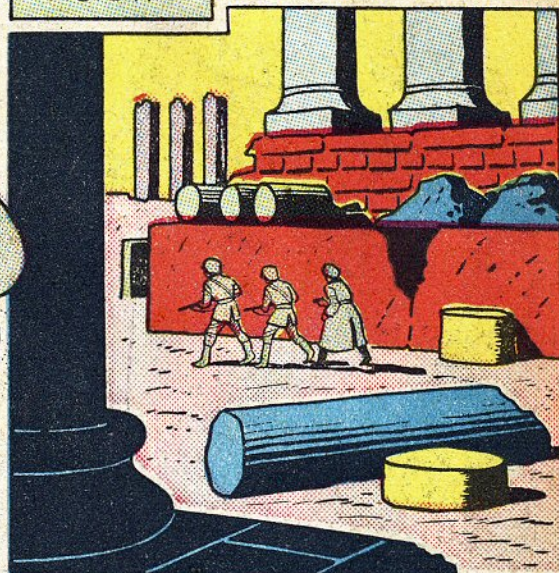


THAT GRENADE SHOULD HAVE GONE OFF A MINUTE AGO!

MUST HAVE BEEN A DUD! LOAD YOUR RIFLES AND WE'LL FINISH HIM OFF!



CAUTIOUSLY THE NAZIS APPROACH THE PLACE WHERE THEY LEFT THE MAGICIAN!



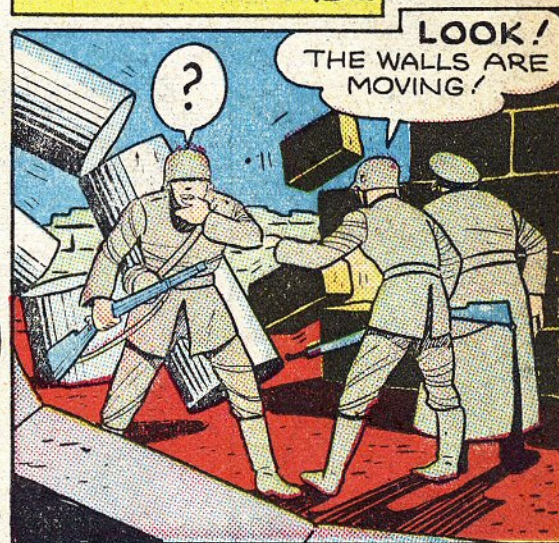
NOW IS THE TIME FOR ACTION!



HEVENIN, RAEPPA SA UOY DID NI EHT TSAP!



SUDDENLY IN FRONT OF THE STARTLED NAZIS THE ANCIENT RUINS BEGIN TO RAISE THEMSELVES FROM THE GROUND...



LOOK! THE WALLS ARE MOVING!

AND THE SOLDIERS FIND THEMSELVES IN NINEVEH AS IT APPEARED 5,000 YEARS AGO!

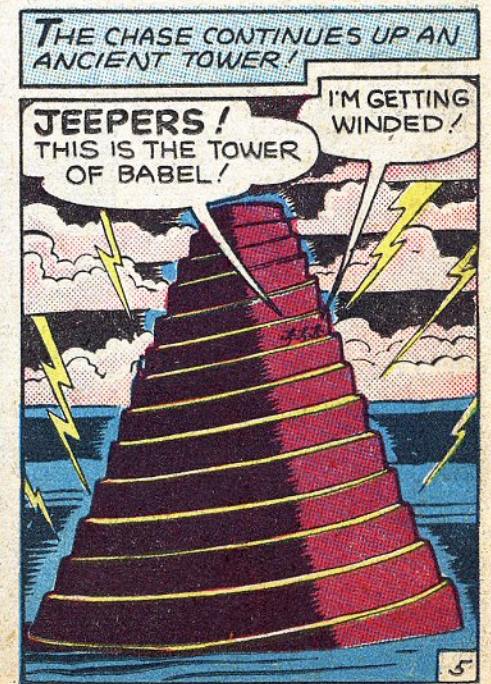
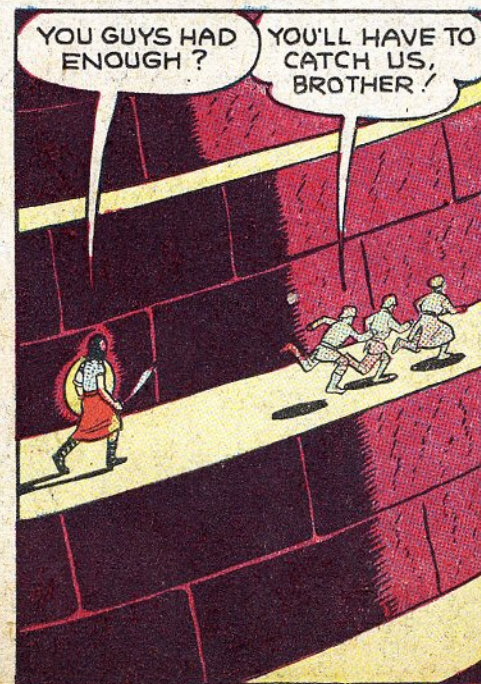
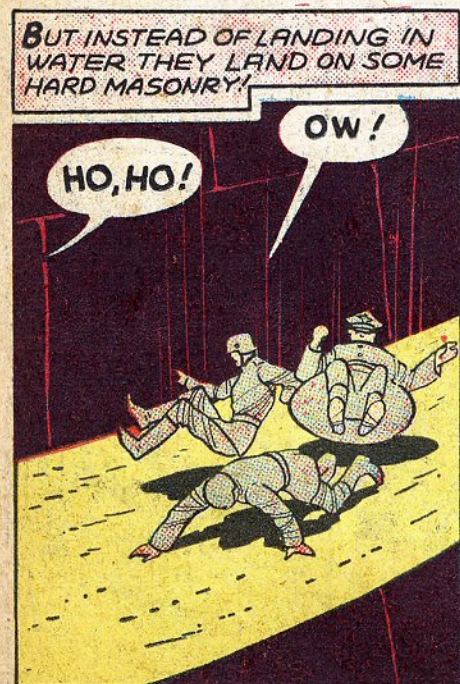
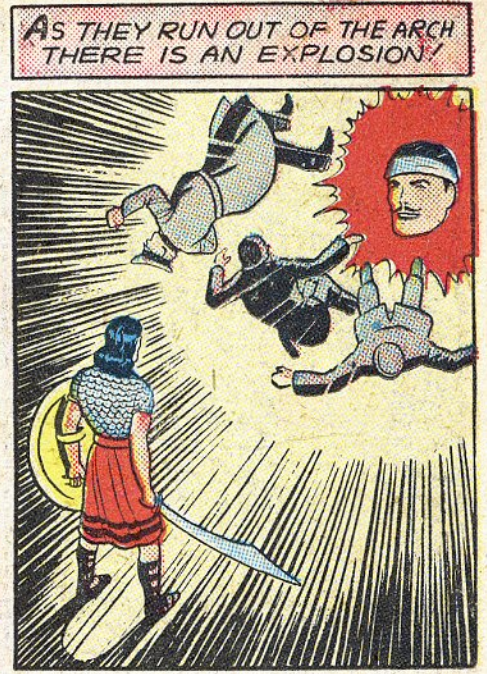
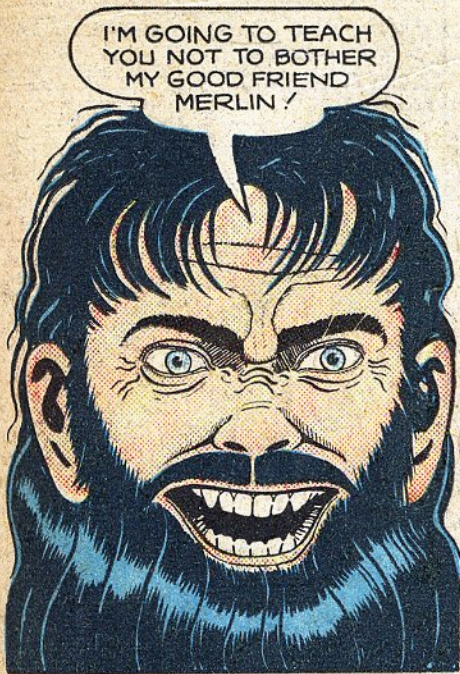


HIMMEL! A PERFECT RECONSTRUCTION!

W-WE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!

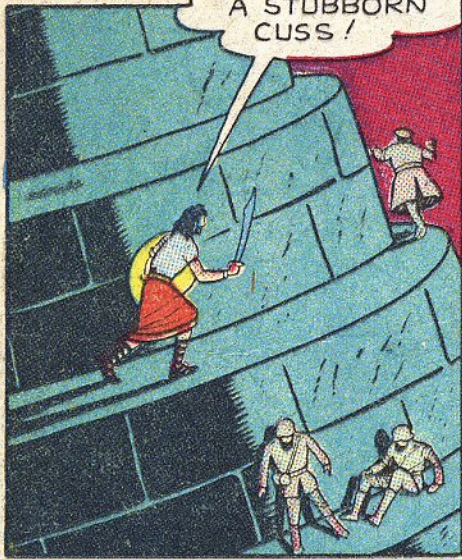
THERE'S GOLIATH! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?





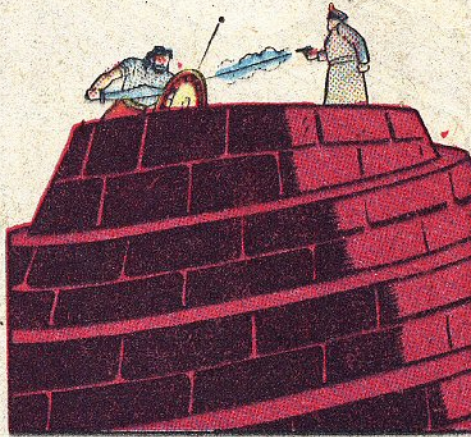
TWO OF THE NAZIS GIVE UP BUT THE THIRD CLIMBS UP AND UP!

A STUBBORN CUSS!



FINALLY THE PURSUED OFFICER REACHES THE TOP..

I STILL HAVE MY LUGER - HERE HE COMES!



AND THE TWO STRONG MEN STAND FACE TO FACE

SURRENDER OR DIE! IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE!

I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE - SEIG HEIL!



BRAVELY THE NAZI OFFICER FIGHTS AS THEY GRAPPLE ON THE TOWER.

IT'S TIME TO RETURN TO THE DEAD AND YOU'RE GOING WITH ME!



LUNGING FURIOUSLY THE GIANT DRAGS THE SOLDIER OVER WITH HIM!

GAA!

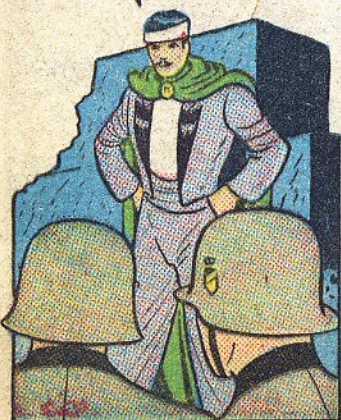


AS THEY FALL FROM THE TOWER OF BABEL THE STRUCTURE AND ALL DISSOLVE IN SMOKE!



THE TWO EXHAUSTED NAZIS FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTED BY MERLIN!

WELL, ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT OR NOT?



NOT WITH YOU, MERLIN. THE DEATH OF OBER-LIEUTENANT VON GOOL LEAVES US WITHOUT A COMMANDER!

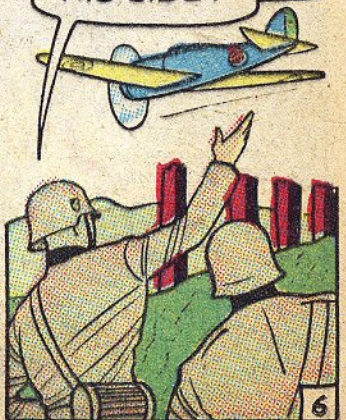
HECK! WE'RE TIRED OF FIGHTING AND KILLING. WE'D LIKE TO STAY HERE AND EXAMINE THESE RUINS WE STUDIED ABOUT IN HEIDLEBERG!

OKAY, FELLOWS, SEE YOU AGAIN!



SOON MERLIN IS IN THE AIR AGAIN SPEEDING AWAY ON HIS MISSION TO HELP OTHERS

HE'S SURE A SWELL MAGICIAN! LET'S GO OVER TO HIS SIDE!



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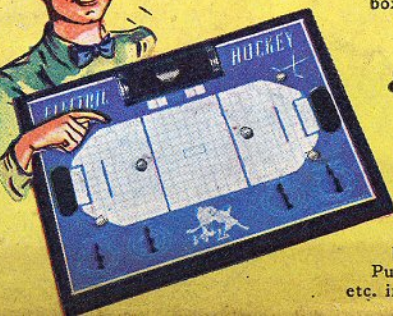
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